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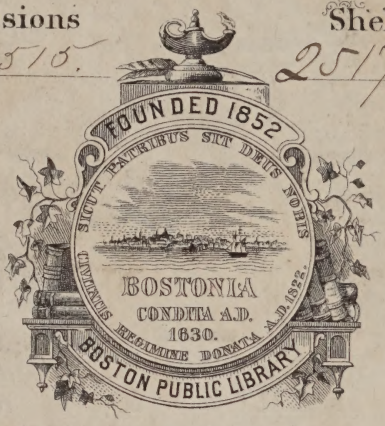


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## THE SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS;

### OR, DEATH OF GIANT MONOPOLY.

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☞ The labors of Messrs. Cobden and Bright procured the recognition of Free-Trade principles, and, with Sir Robert Peel, extorted from a reluctant Parliament the repeal of the Corn Laws.—1846.

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## A *BRIGHT* IDEA.

THE PEACE RECRUITING SERGEANT TRYING TO ENLIST THE DUKE.

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☞ Mr. Bright's peace principles were embodied in the plan proposed this year to settle all international differences by arbitration. The scheme was not viewed with much favor.—1849.

## THE RISING GENERATION—IN PARLIAMENT.

PEEL. "*Well, my little Man, what are you going to do this Session, eh?*"

D——LI (the Juvenile). "*Why—aw—aw—I've made arrangements—aw—to—smash—aw—Everybody.*"

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☞ At this time Sir Robert Peel had resigned the Conservative leadership in the House of Commons, which was assumed by Lord George Bentinck, assisted by Mr. Disraeli.—1847.

# THE FARMERS' WILL-O'-THE-WISP.

☞ Mr. Disraeli brought forward a resolution bearing upon Local Taxation, wherein the Agricultural Interest was subordinated to that of Real Property.—1849.

VIVIAN
GREY
COLINGSBY

THE STATE OF THE NATION.

## DISRAELI MEASURING THE BRITISH LION.

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☞ Mr. Disraeli's motion for a Select Committee to consider the state of the nation, in consequence of the repeal of the Corn Laws, was rejected by a large majority.—1849.

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EXCISE
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## THE PROTECTION "DODGE."

SUFFERING LANDHOLDER (in a solemn and sonorous tone, with a glance at the first-floor window).—"*My ky—ind fer—iends, I am ash—amed to app—ear be—fore you, and to ex—pose my mis—er—able state.* * * * * * *

"*I am a lan—ded prop—er—i—etor re—dooced to ger—eat mis—e—ry, ow—ing to the com—pe—tition of the foreigner. There is a ger—eat many of us as bad off as my—self, and the Count—er—y is a—being ruined all along of free—trade Sir Robert Peel and Mister Cob—den. We 'ave only twen—ty millions of money in the Bank, also an incr—ease of £38,235 on the Cus—toms, also £371,899 on the Ex—cise, and £24,960 on the In—come Tax, pity the poor Land—ow—ner,*" *etc., etc.*

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☞ The hollowness of the "Protectionist" grievance was shown by the exceptionally prosperous state of the Exchequer at this time.—1850.

SMOKING
FOOL

## GULLIVER AND THE BROBDINGNAG FARMERS.

"*He called his hinds about him, and asked them* (*so I afterward learned*) *whether they had ever seen in the fields any little creature resembling me?*"—*Vide* "Gulliver's Travels."

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☞ To compensate the Agricultural interests, Mr. Disraeli had moved to transfer £2,000,000 of Local taxation to the Consolidated Fund. The motion was lost by a small majority. —1850.

GRAND
MASQUERADE
HER MAJESTY'S
THEATRE ROYAL
WESTMINSTER
CLOWNS & PANTALOONS
ADMITTED

## DRESSING FOR A MASQUERADE.

MR. D—SR—LI AS A GREAT PROTECTIONIST LEADER.

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☞ Mr. Disraeli, as the Farmers' Friend, made a motion in favor of the Relief of Agricultural Distress, which, however, was lost by a majority of 14.—1851.

FREE TRADE
AND
STARVATION

## THE GHOST OF PROTECTION APPEARING TO MR. DISRAELI.

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☞ The Landowners and Farmers were still suffering from the repeal of the Corn Laws, and the efforts of Mr. Disraeli and the Conservative Party failed to procure from the Legislature any alleviation of their burdens.—1851.

PROTECTION

## THE PROTECTION GIANT.

"*Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum!*
*I smell the Blood of an Englishman;*
*Be he Alive, or be he Dead,*
*I'll grind his Bones to make my Bread.*"

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☞ The Conservative Party being now in Office, and their policy with regard to Free Trade being ambiguous, the Anti-Corn-Law League was revived at Manchester.—1852.

## A PLAIN QUESTION.

MR. BULL. *"Now, Sir, don't let us have any more Derby Dilly Dallying. What are your Intentions toward Miss Britannia?"*

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☞ At a meeting of the Liberal members called by Lord John Russell, it was resolved to press the Government for a declaration of its policy.—1852.

BY CHANCE
OF CHANCE

## A BIT OF ANIMATED NATURE.

### THE PROTECTIONIST CUCKOO IN THE HEDGE-SPARROW'S NEST.

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☞ The Militia Bill, which had proved fatal to the Whig Ministry, was carried by the Conservative Government by a large majority, and materially strengthened their position.—1852.

PROFREE-TECTRATIDONE

## THE POLITICAL CHAMELEON.

☞ Mr. Disraeli and the Conservative Party were thought to be trimming toward Free Trade in anticipation of the General Election.—1852.

Now go in like a man
-You'll find it so
Bracing—
Oh! after
The first
Plunge
It's so
nice!
FREE
TRADE

## A DIP IN THE FREE-TRADE SEA.

*"There, take off his Coat like a good litte Ben, and come to his Cobden."*

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☞ The leaders of the Conservative Party announced that they did not intend to return to the policy of Protection.—1852.

FREE TRADE
PROTECTION

## THE POLITICAL TOPSY.

"*I 'spects nobody can't do nothin' with me!*"—Vide "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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☞ The versatility and talent of Mr. Disraeli were sometimes of inconvenient service to his party.—1852.

MINISTERIAL
PAPER

MRS. GAMP TAKING THE LITTLE "PARTY" SHE LOOKS AFTER BACK TO SCHOOL.

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☞ Mrs. Gamp (the *Morning Herald*, since defunct) was the special organ of Mr. Disraeli and the Protectionist Party.—1852.

FREE TRADE
LEAGUE

## EATING THE LEEK.

FLUELEN . . . MR. COBDEN. PISTOL . . . MR. DISRAELI.

FLUELLEN. "*I pray you fall to; if you can mock a leek, you can eat a leek.*"—HENRY V.

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☞ The Derby Ministry declared their adherence to the Free-Trade Policy of Messrs. Cobden and Bright, which they had formerly resisted.—1852.

FREE
TRADE
RESIGNATION

## A SCENE FROM ENGLISH HISTORY.

### QUEEN ELEANOR AND FAIR ROSAMOND.

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☞ The Free-Trade Party, being in the majority in the new Parliament, left Mr. Disraeli with the only alternative.—1852.

DOWNING
STREET

## A DIRTY TRICK—BESPATTERING DECENT PEOPLE.

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☞ Mr. Disraeli, resenting the loss of office, was unsparing in his criticisms upon Lord Aberdeen's Coalition Ministry.—1853.

DOWNING
STREET

## SWELL MOB AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

PUNCH (A 1). "*Now then! What 's your Little Game?*"

D—Z—Y. "*Our Little Game! Nothin'—We 're only* 'WAITING FOR A PARTY.'"

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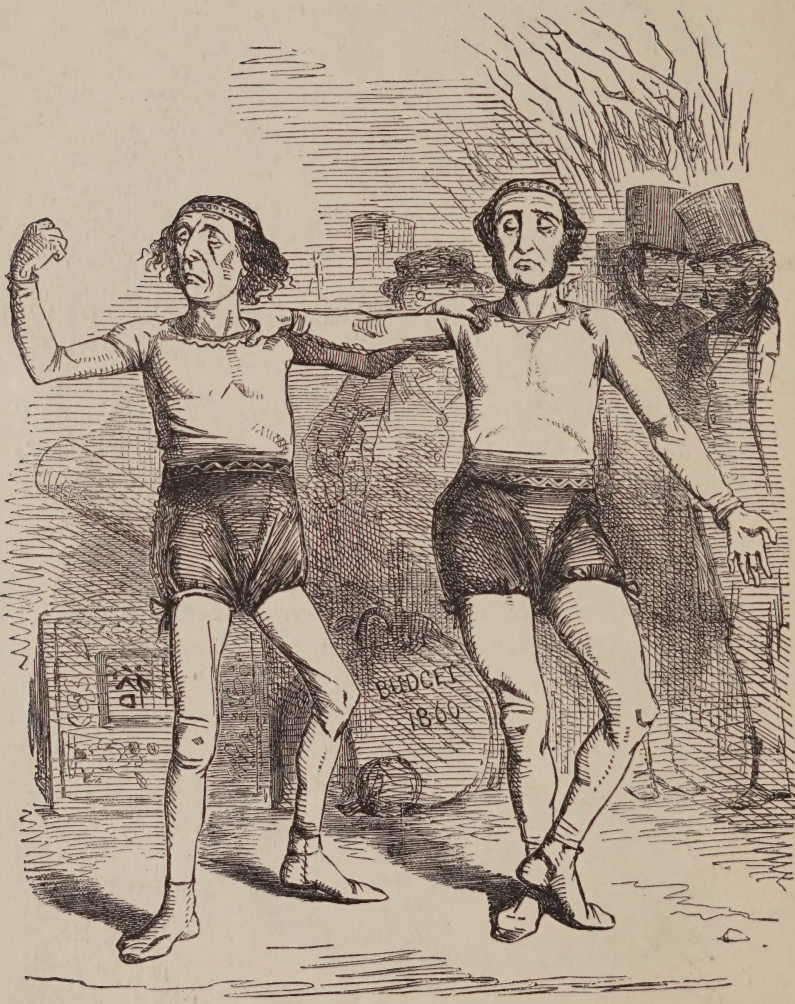
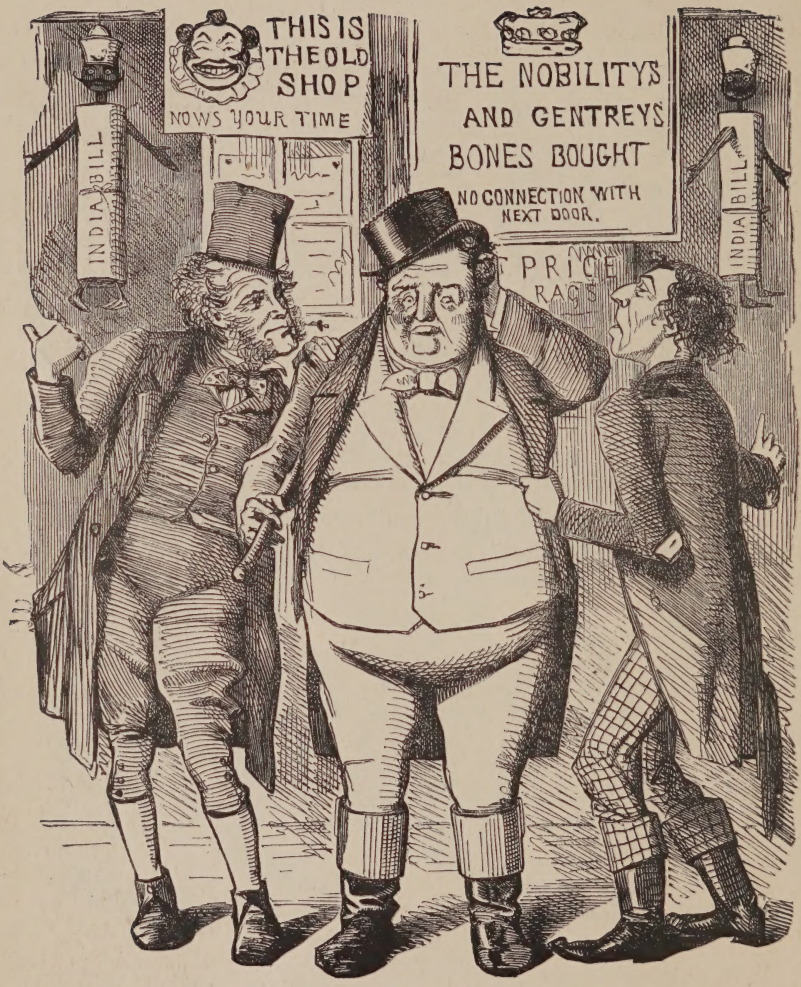
☞ The Conservative Party were in hopes, at this time, of attracting to themselves the remnant of the "Peelites."—1857.


BUDGET
1860

## THE BALANCING BROTHERS OF WESTMINSTER.

☞ Mr. Disraeli moved an amendment to the Budget of Sir G. Cornewall Lewis (then Chancellor of the Exchequer), in which he was supported by Mr. Gladstone.—1857.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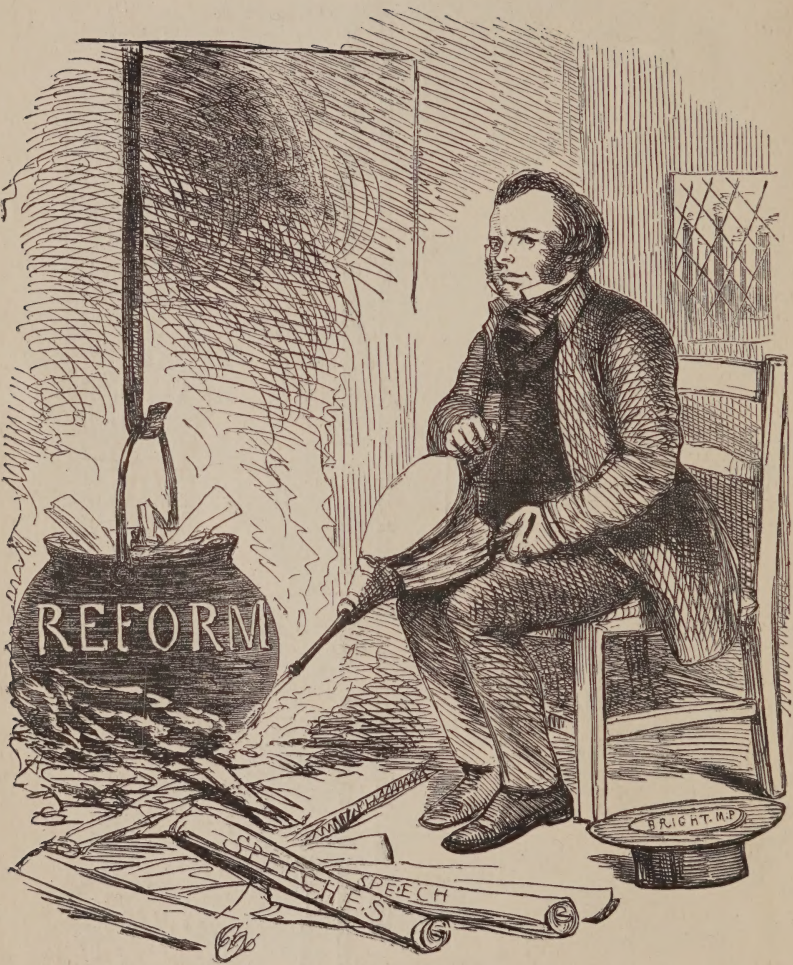
NOWS YOUR TIME
THE NOBILITYS AND GENTREYS BONES BOUGHT
NO CONNECTION WITH NEXT DOOR.
INDIA BILL
INDIA BILL
PRICE
RAGS

## THE RIVAL BLACK DOLLS.

☞ An "India Bill" had been introduced by Lord Palmerston as well as by Mr. Disraeli, neither of which was carried beyond the first reading.—1858.

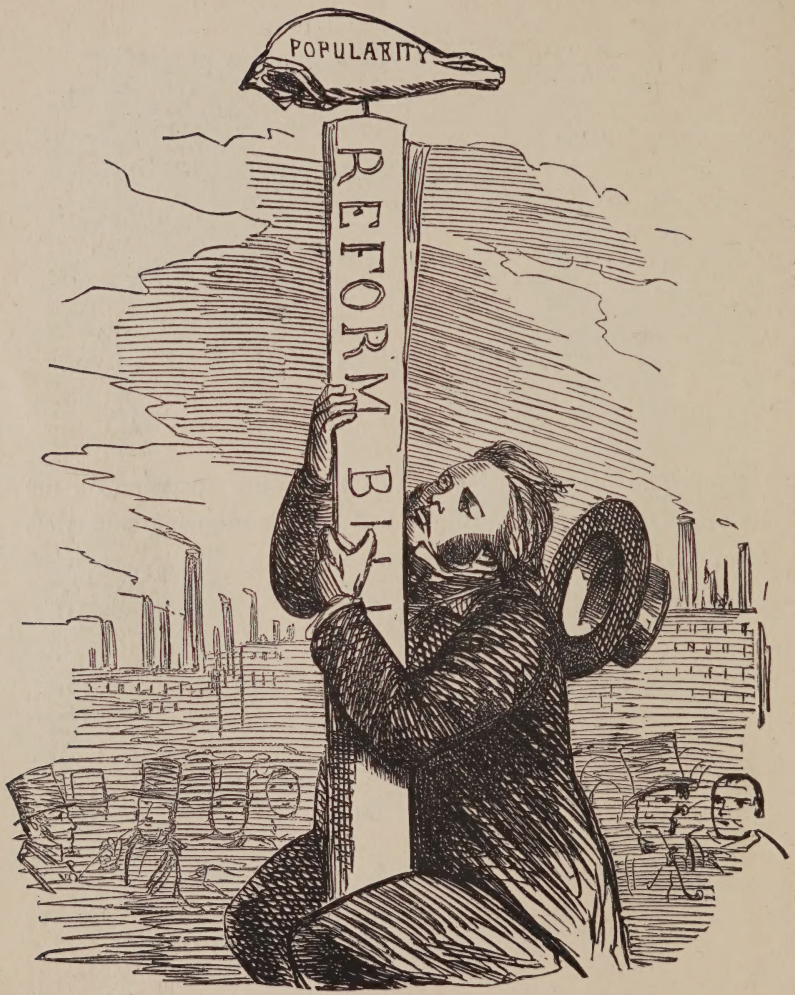
## ORESTES PURSUED BY THE FURIES.

☞ Mr. Bright and Mr. Roebuck supported the Conservative Ministry, then threatened by a vote of censure, mainly to prevent Lord Palmerston's return to office.—1858.


REFORM
SPEECH
SPEECHES
BRIGHT. M.P

## "IT WILL SOON BOIL!"

☞ The constituencies at this time were apathetic on the Reform Question. Mr. Bright had been addressing numerous Meetings to elicit popular support.—1858.


POPULARITY
REFORM BI

## A VERY GREASY POLE.

☞ Mr. Bright had been addressing large Meetings in the manufacturing districts to agitate for an extension of the franchise to all rated householders.—1859.

BRITISH CONSTITUTION

## THE QUAKER AND THE BAUBLE.

"*It is the Land which the territorial party represents in Parliament.* * * * *That is the theory of the Constitution:* BLACKSTONE *says so. But it is a thing which is not likely to be respected much longer, and it must go, even if involving the destruction of the Constitution.*"—Mr. BRIGHT in his Penny Organ.

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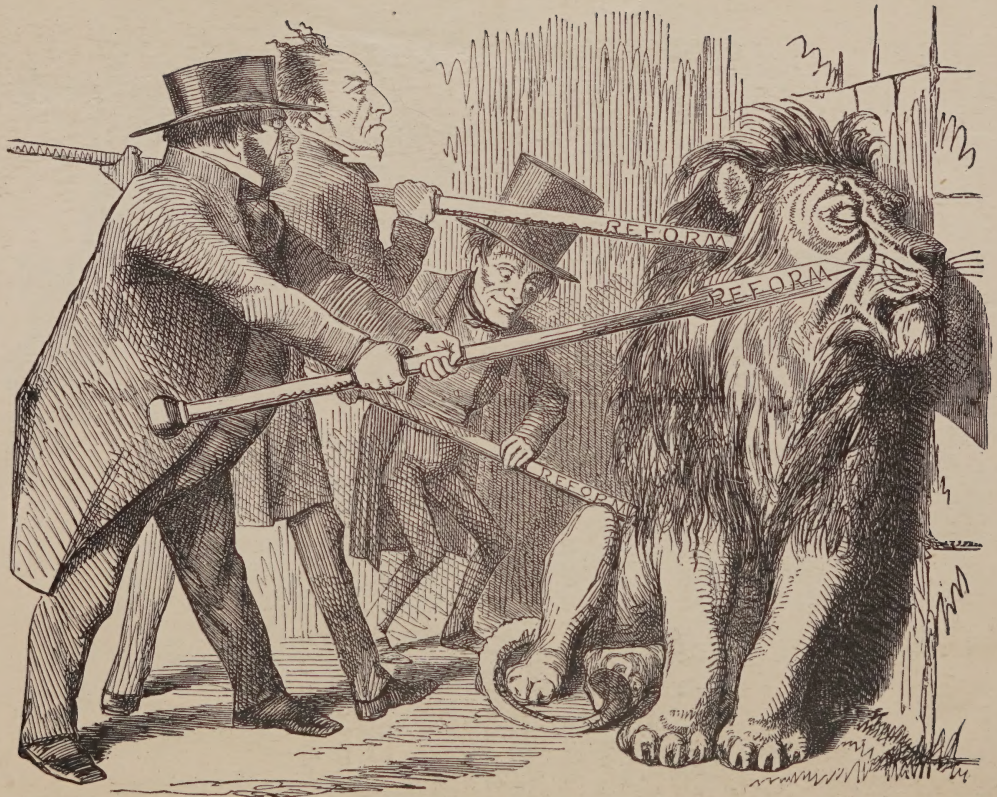
☞ The *Morning Star*—a journal founded to advocate the views of Mr. Bright—met with little support. After an uncertain existence of some years, it was discontinued.—1859.


REFORM
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REFORM

## WHO WILL ROUSE HIM?

☞ Mr. Bright's pertinacious demand for a Reform Bill, and the endeavors of both political parties to settle the question, failed to awaken the indifference of the constituencies.—1859.

## GREAT POACHING AFFRAY ON THE LIBERAL PRESERVES.

J—N R—SS—LL. *"Now then, you Sir! Give up that Gun!"*

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☞ The defeat of the Government followed upon an amendment to their Reform Bill moved by Lord John Russell.—1859.

OLD NEW LAND
FOREVER

## JOHN BULL GUARDS HIS PUDDING.

☞ The popular feeling expressed itself by the formation of the Volunteer Corps, and received Mr. Punch's hearty approval. —1859.

ROAST BEEF HOUSE
FIREWORK FACTORY
This Business to be Disposed Of
PYROTECHNIST

## MONSIEUR "WALKER!"

*"Ah! Friend Johnny! I close my shop to please you!"*

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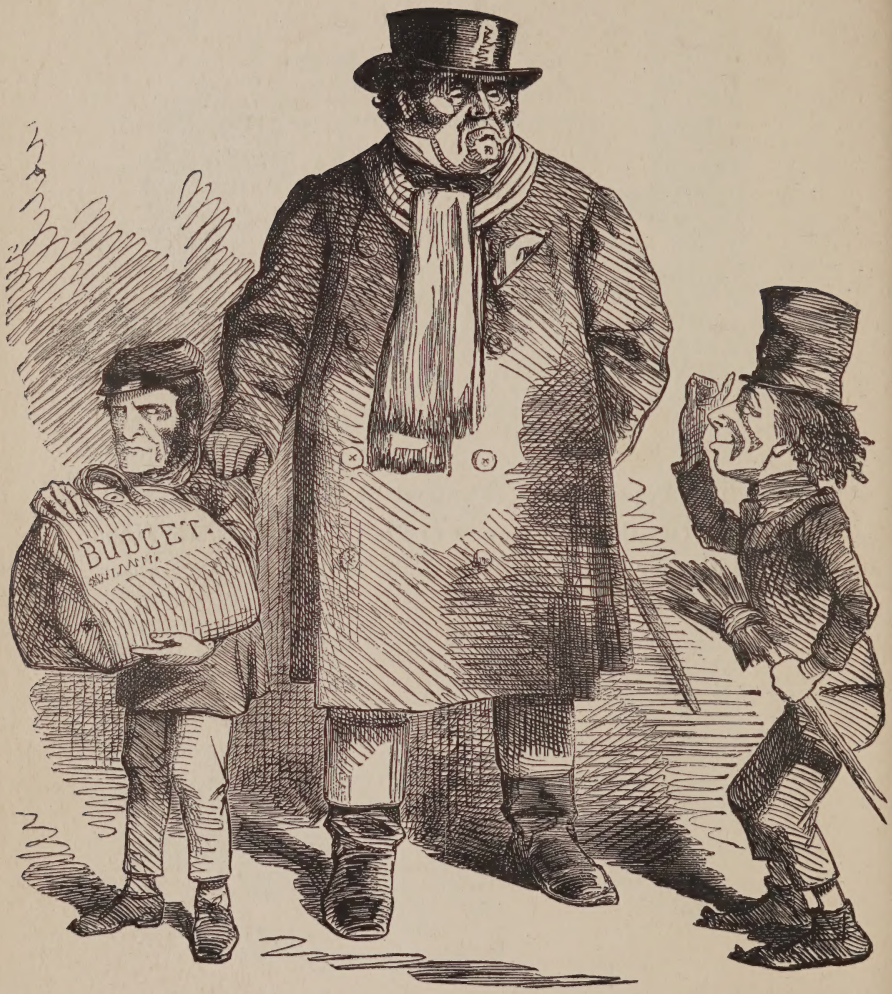
☞ The Emperor Napoleon, by means of the French press, made professions of his peaceable intentions. Mr. Bull was incredulous.—*August*, 1859.

CONGRESS

## WON'T-EE GO TO CONGRESS?

☞ The Pope refused to attend or be represented at the Congress for settling the affairs of Italy. The Emperor Napoleon used rather strong language to the Holy Father.—*January*, 1860.


BUDGET.

## THE BOY FOR OUR MONEY.

DIZ. "*Better let* ME *carry it for yer, sir!*"
JOHN BULL. "*Never again! I tried you before.*"

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☞ Mr. Gladstone's financial ability was strikingly displayed in his Budget proposals of this year. Mr. Disraeli's adverse motion was rejected by a large majority.—1860.

THIS IS
young BOMBA

## A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE.

(A PROBABLE AND LARGE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN RAGS.)

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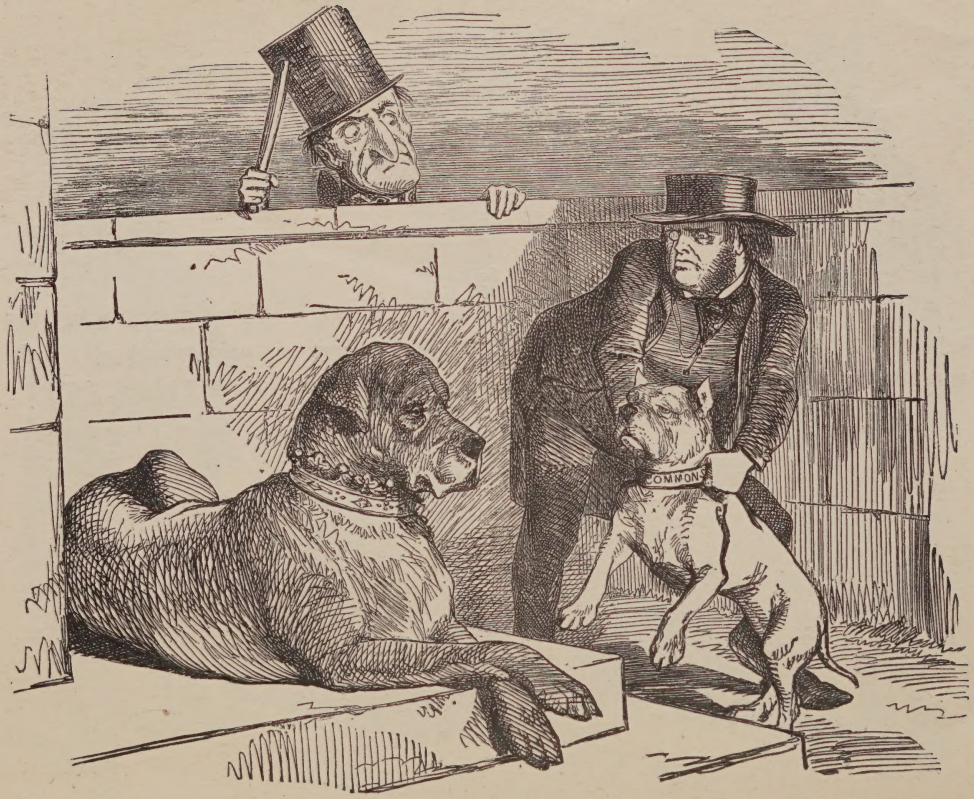
☞ The unsettled state of the Continent originated this Cartoon.—*April*, 1860.

Just the thing you want my dear Bright: double your constituency!
Pray dont be alarmed!- It's Only adds one per cent to the franchise!
REFORM BILL

# THE REFORM JANUS.

☞ Lord John Russell's new Reform proposals, though framed with great care, again failed to receive Mr. Bright's approval, and were at the same time distasteful to the Conservative Party.—1860.


COMMONS

## BRIGHT THE PEACE-MAKER.

☞ Mr. Bright took an active part in supporting the repeal of the Paper Duty. He condemned the action of the Upper House in rejecting the Bill, and charged them with usurping the powers properly belonging to the Commons.—1860.

## RETRIBUTION, OR THE GREENWICH DINNER.

LORD JOHN RUSSELL. "*This can't be whitebait?*"

LORD PALMERSTON. "*Oh, yes! You would make it so late in the season.*"

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☞ The session had been a very prolonged one. The Ministerial Whitebait Dinner did not take place until late in August, 1860.

BLOOD OF
St JANVARIVS
ANIMAS PECTUS

# THE HERO AND THE SAINT.

☞ Garibaldi had expressed his contempt for some of the Popish miracles, and his determination to restrain the power of the priesthood.—*September*, 1860.

# DIVORCE À VINCULO.

MRS. CAROLINA ASSERTS HER RIGHT TO "LARRUP" HER NIGGER.

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☞ The American Civil War was on the eve of commencement, and the slave was thought to be the *casus belli*.—*January*, 1861.

THE
UNION
BANKRUPTCY

## THE "SENSATION" STRUGGLE IN AMERICA.

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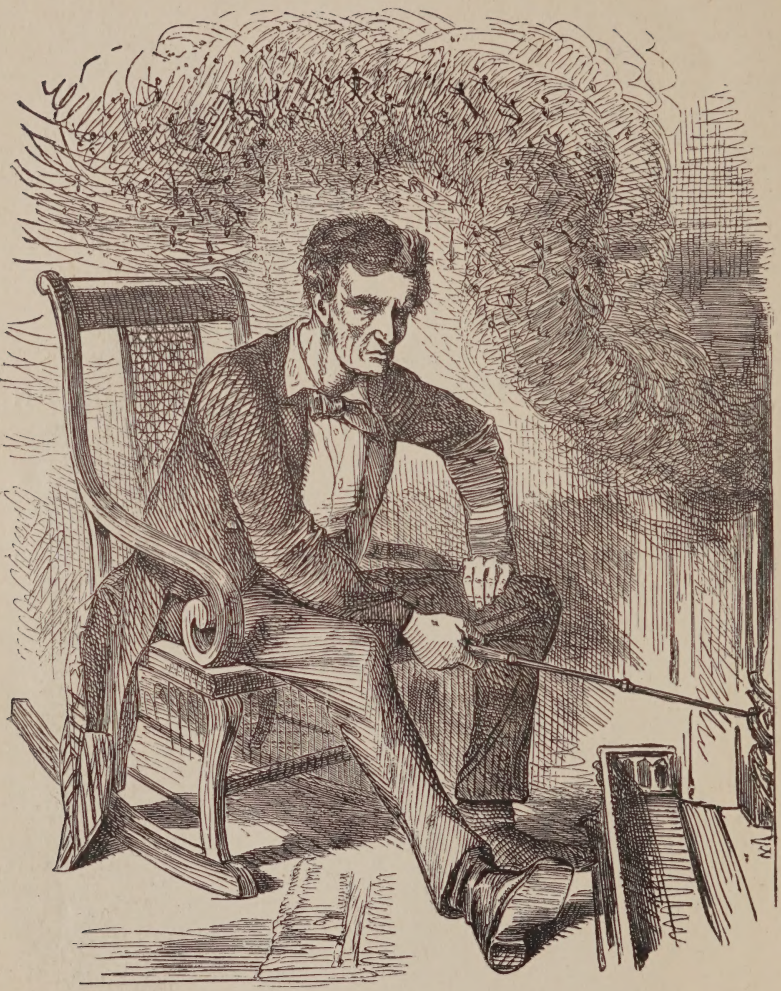
☞ Preparations for the Civil War between South and North America commenced in March, 1861.

MODERN CIVILISATION
ALLOCUTION

## PAPAL ALLOCUTION—SNUFFING OUT MODERN CIVILIZATION.

☞ The Pope's allocution justified the construction put upon it in the cartoon.—*April*, 1861.



## THE AMERICAN DIFFICULTY.

PRESIDENT ABE. "*What a nice* WHITE HOUSE *this would be, if it were not for the* BLACKS!"

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☞ President Lincoln's American difficulty was supposed to have originated with the Slavery question.—*May*, 1861.

## A DERBY OBSTRUCTION.

DIZZY. "*Sha'n't get out o' the way. I'd like to upset the lot of yer!*"

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☞ Mr. Disraeli, during a debate on the Budget, bitterly attacked Lord Palmerston's Ministry, declaring that they had "strained the Constitution."—1861.

## A DERBY SPILL.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's Budget was accepted by the House of Commons, after several nights' debate, by a majority of 15.—1861.

A-N DARD

## THE FIGHT AT ST. STEPHEN'S ACADEMY.

MRS. GAMP. *"Never mind, my dear! you done yer werry best to win; which that Master Gladsting is such a huncommon strong boy!"*

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☞ Mr. Disraeli's Resolution condemning the policy of Earl Russell's Government toward Denmark was defeated by a majority of 18.—1864.

## NAUGHTY JONATHAN.

"*You* SHA'N'T *interfere, Mother—and you ought to be on my side—and it's a great shame—and I don't care—and you* SHALL *interfere—and I won't have it.*"

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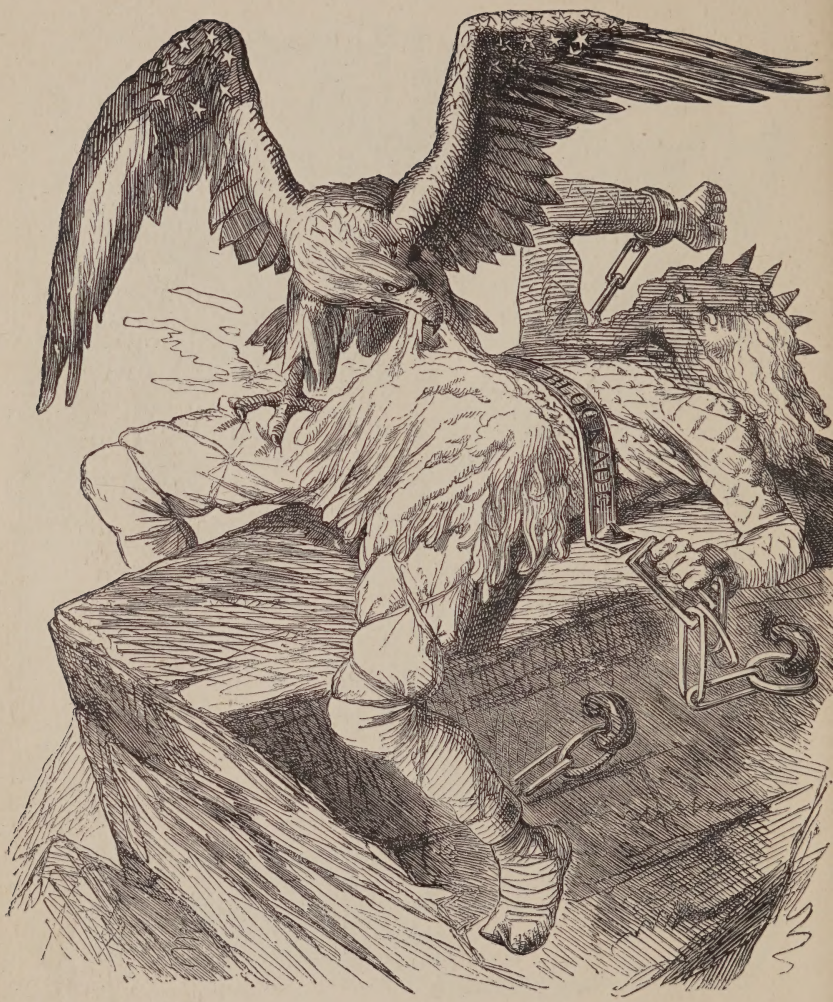
☞ The American press was very abusive (as usual) of England, now deprecating interference in the quarrel between North and South, and then decrying the indifference of the English people.—*July*, 1861.

Hulla Brother Jonathan
Where are you all running to
TO CANADA!
Tist gwine to take Canada

# HOW THEY WENT TO TAKE CANADA.

☞ "For the outrage offered in the Queen's Proclamation, the United States will possess itself of Canada."—*New York Herald.* The fight of Bull's Run occurred immediately after the publication of this bit of "Bunkum."—*August*, 1861.


THE OLD LADY

## KING COTTON BOUND—THE MODERN PROMETHEUS.

☞ The complete blockade of Charleston Harbor precluded any further exportation of cotton to England.—*November*, 1861.

SOUTH

# THE GENU-INE OTHELLO.

OTHELLO. "*Keep up your bright swords, for de dew will rust dem.* * * * *Both you ob my inclining, and de rest.*"

BRITANNIA

## LOOK OUT FOR SQUALLS.

JACK BULL. *"You do what 's right, my son, or I 'll blow you out of the water."*

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☞ "The *Trent* affair" occurred November 8, 1861. Captain Wilkes, of the U. S. Navy, boarded the English ship *Trent*, and carried Commissioners Mason and Slidell as prisoners to Fortress Munroe.—*December*, 1861.

## WAITING FOR AN ANSWER.

☞ A peremptory demand for redress in the case of the *Trent* was dispatched to America. The Cartoon expresses the popular feeling whilst England was "waiting for the answer."—*December*, 1861.

## A LIKELY STORY.

CAPTAIN JONATHAN, F.N. "*Fist look'd in to see if thar 's any rebels he-arr.*"

MR. BULL. "*Oh, indeed!—John! look after the plate-basket, and then fetch a Policeman.*"

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☞ It was urged by the Federal Government that the *Trent* affair arose out of a right of search for the rebels of the South.—*December*, 1861.

PEACE
WAR

## COLUMBIA'S FIX.

COLUMBIA. *"Which answer shall I send?"*

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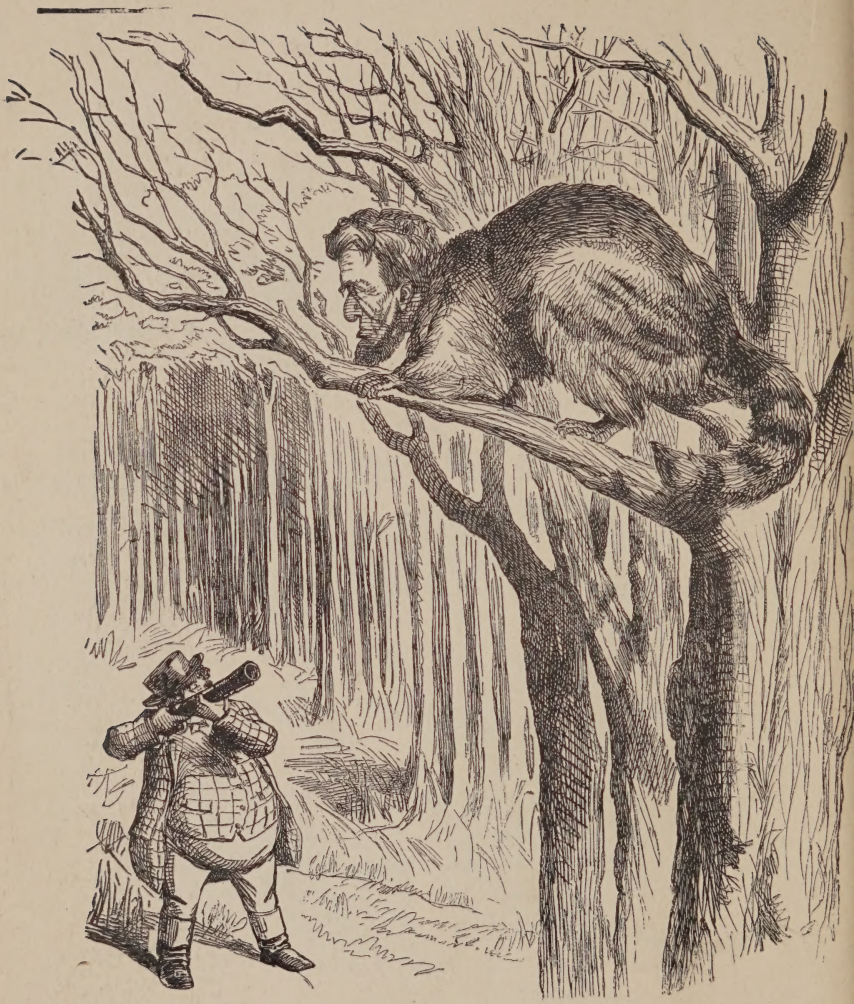
☞ The answer was, happily, for peace.



## "UP A TREE."—COLONEL BULL AND THE YANKEE 'COON.

'COON. "*Air you in arnest, Colonel?*"

COLONEL BULL. "*I am.*"

'COON. "*Don't fire—I 'll* COME DOWN."

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☞ President Lincoln ordered the release of Messrs. Slidell and Mason after short deliberation.—*January*, 1862.

## NAUGHTY JONATHAN.

MRS. BRITANNIA. *"There, John! he says he is very sorry, and that he did n't mean to do it—so you can put this back into the pickle-tub."*

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☞ The Apology of America for the "*Trent* affair" was accepted by Great Britain.—*January*, 1862.

NEW YORK HERALD
CHARLESTON HARBOUR

## RETROGRESSION (A VERY SAD PICTURE).

### WAR-DANCE OF THE I. O. U. INDIAN.

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☞ The Federals sank several ships laden with stones at the mouth of Charleston Harbor, and otherwise impeded the navigation.—*February*, 1862.

## VULCAN ARMING NEPTUNE.

☞ Six different kinds of iron-plated vessels were in course of construction, and the *Enterprise* was ordered to be built as a sea-going vessel.—*April*, 1862.

LE COMTE DE PARIS

## JONATHAN'S PROGRAMME, OR A BIT OF BRAG.

*"Tell yer what it is, Louis—if you come meddlin' with any o' your mediation sarce, soon as ever I've whipped the Rebels—and walk'd into Canada—and chaw'd up John Bull—darn'd if I don't put that thar young man in your location!!!"*—(See New York Papers.)

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☞ The Emperor Napoleon proposed the joint mediation of England and France in the American quarrel. The English Government declined to interfere. Brother Jonathan protested, and abused Napoleon for his friendly suggestion.

Hear! Hear!
You are the greatest bosh in the Universe, and therefore you ought to have a vote

## COBDEN'S LOGIC.

"*I don't know, perhaps, any country in the world where the* MASSES OF THE PEOPLE ARE SO ILLITERATE AS IN ENGLAND. * * * *Sound Statesmanship requires such an extension of the franchise as shall admit the Masses of the People to political power.*"—From Mr. COBDEN'S Speech at Rochdale.

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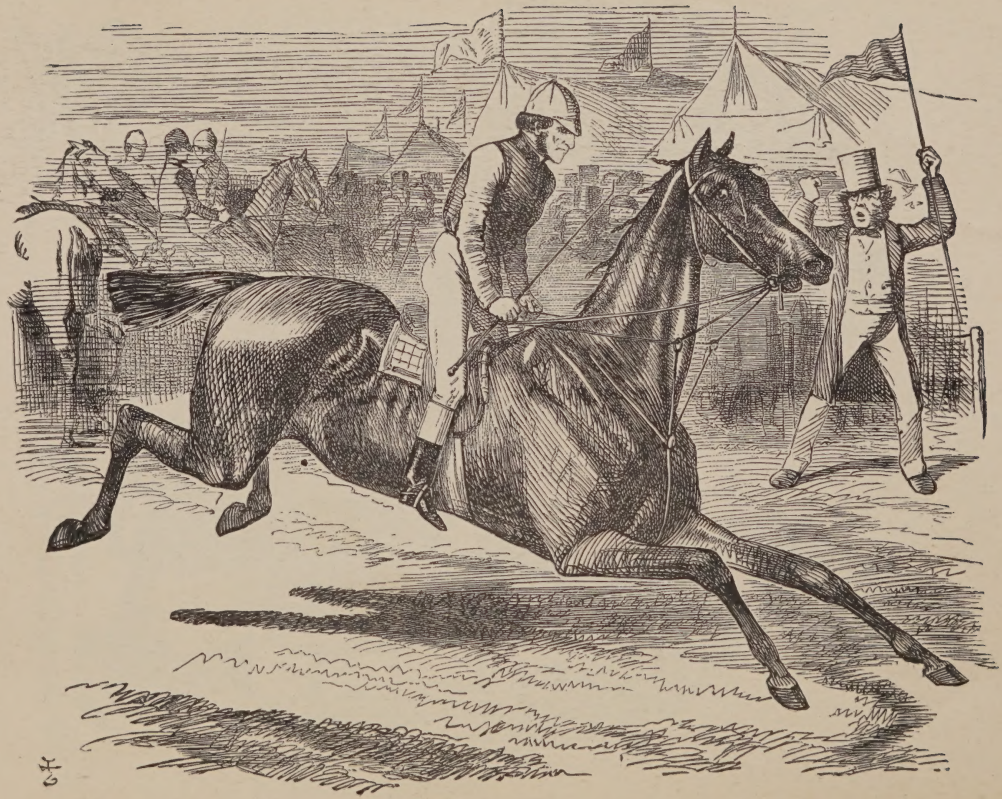
☞ This speech gave occasion to much angry comment, and led to a personal dispute between Mr. Cobden and the Editor of the *Times*.—1863.



## THE FALSE START.

PAM (THE STARTER). *"Hi! Gladstone! Democracy! Too soon! Too soon! You must n't go yet!"*

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☞ Mr. Gladstone warmly supported a proposal to grant the franchise in Boroughs to £6 householders. His speech and vote occasioned much surprise, —1864.

## DRESSING FOR AN OXFORD BAL MASQUÉ.

"*The question is, Is Man an Ape or an Angel?* (A Laugh). *Now, I am on the side of the Angels.* (Cheers.)" —Mr. DISRAELI'S Oxford Speech, Friday, November 25th.

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☞ In addressing the Oxford Diocesan Society, in a speech having reference to the policy of the Conservative Party toward the Church, Mr. Disraeli made the above declaration, which gave rise to much comment.—1864.

## DR. BRIGHT AND HIS PATIENT.

DOCTOR. "*Do you get good wages?*"

PATIENT. "*Yes.*"

DOCTOR. "*Have you plenty to eat and drink?*"

PATIENT. "*Yes, as far as that goes.*"

DOCTOR. "*Do you do as you like?*"

PATIENT. "*Yes.*"

DOCTOR. "*Do you pay taxes?*"

PATIENT. "*None to hurt me much.*"

DOCTOR. "*Ah! We must change all that. We must go in for* REFORM!"

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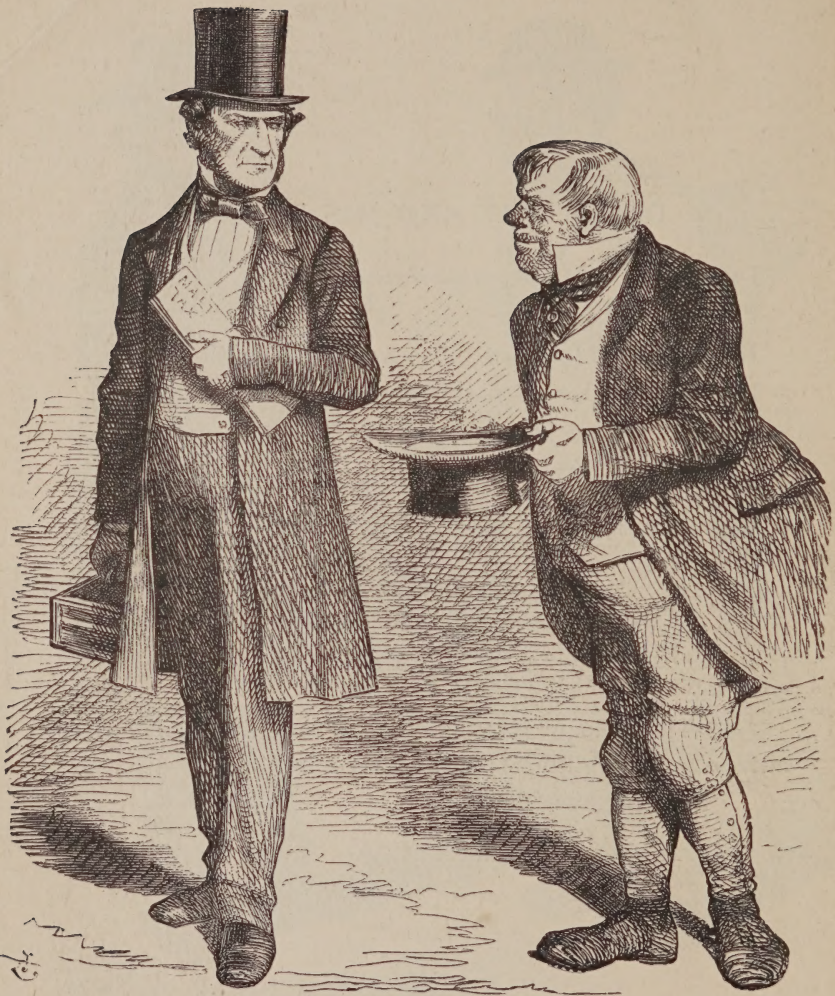
☞ This colloquy gives a not unfair summary of Mr. Bright's address to his constituents in the preceding month.—1865.



## THE AGRICULTURAL JEREMY DIDDLER.

MALT TAX REPEALER. "*You don't happen to have six or seven millions about you, sir?*"

GLADSTONE. "*Yes, I do—and I mean to* KEEP THEM ABOUT ME."

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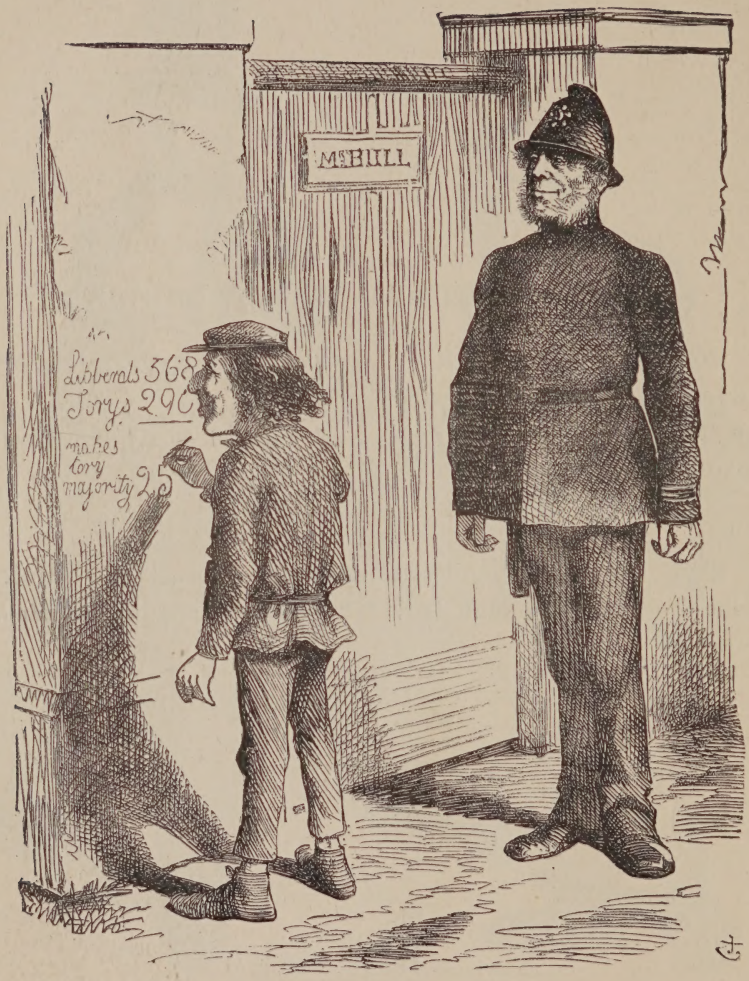
☞ The Agricultural interest clamored as usual for a reduction or repeal of the Malt Tax. They were entirely unsuccessful. —1865.


Mr BULL
Liberals 368
Torys 290
makes
tory
majority 25

## DIZZY'S ARITHMETIC.

PAM. *"Now, then, Youngster, you 've no call to be a chalking that wall; and if you* MUST *do a sum, you might as well do it right!"*

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☞ The Conservative Party had hoped to gain additional strength at the General Election—but on the contrary they lost 25 seats.—1865.

FREE THOUGHT
FREE TRADE
BIGOTRY
SUBSCRIPTION
PROTECTIVE DUTIES
TEST
OATH

## PEGASUS UNHARNESSED.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's rejection at Oxford was hailed with approbation by the advanced Liberals, who now looked to him as their future Leader.—1865.

PROTESTANT
CHURCH

## NEW GUY FAWKES; OR, DIZZY'S CHEF-D'ŒUVRE.

"*Under the guise of Liberalism—under the pretence of legislating in the spirit of the age—they are, as they think, about to seize upon the supreme estate of the realm.*"—(See Mr. DISRAELI'S Speech, April 3, 1868.)

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☞ Mr. Disraeli's alarming picture of the revolutionary projects of his opponents was powerless to prevent the passing of the Irish Church Resolutions, which were carried by a large majority. —1868.

LOWER AWAY THERE
LOWER AWAY
REPORT

## THE OFFICIOUS PASSENGER.

LORD JOHN. "*Excuse me, friend Bright, but do you command this ship, or do I?*"

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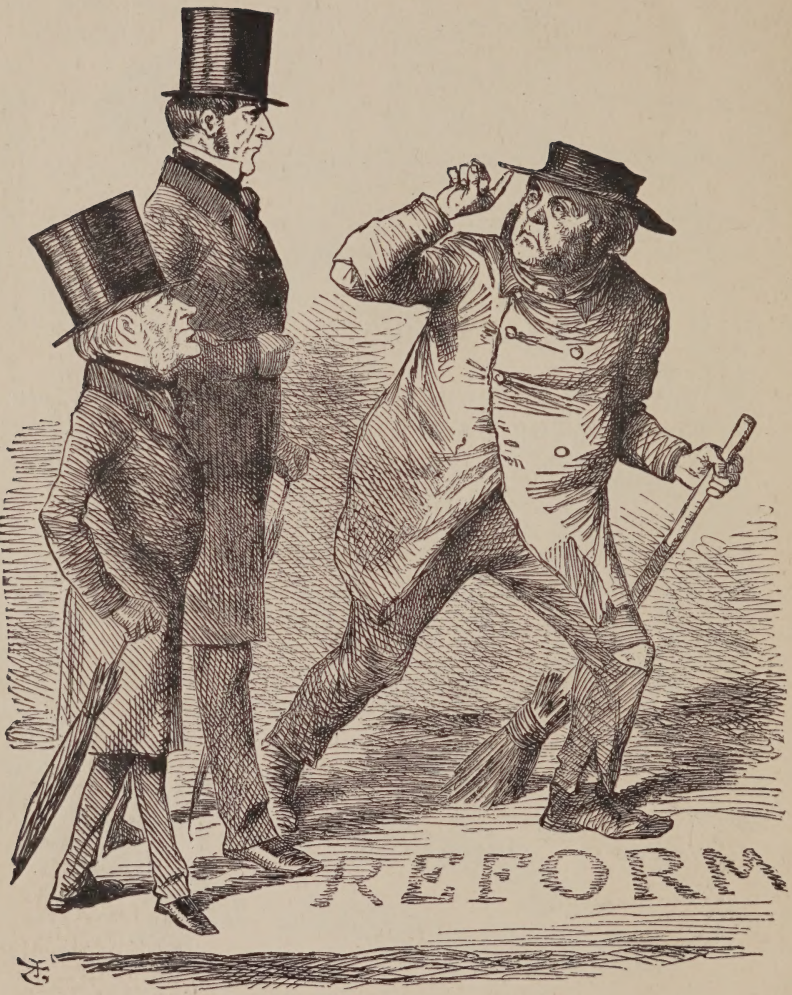
☞ Mr. Bright not having been admitted to the Cabinet, was endeavoring from the platform to force the hands of the Ministry.—1866.


REFORM

## GOING DOWN TO THE HOUSE.

LORD RUSSELL. "*Well, Bright, what do* YOU *want?*"

JOHNNY BRIGHT. "*Any thing your Honor is willing to give me* NOW."

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☞ Mr. Bright was now prepared to accept any reduction of the franchise—being convinced that neither the Ministry nor Parliament would agree to a Radical measure.—1866.

## THE FIRST QUESTION.

WORKING-MAN. "*Well, Gentlemen, what are* YOU *going to do for me?*"

LORD DERBY (aside to DIZZY.) "*Ah! if he were only a Racehorse now——*"

DISRAELI. "*Or an Asian Mystery——*"

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☞ Lord Derby had just formed his third Government, Mr. Disraeli being again Chancellor of the Exchequer. They declined to pledge themselves upon the Reform question.—1866.

## THE BRUMMAGEM FRANKENSTEIN.

JOHN BRIGHT. "*I have no fe—fe—fear of ma—manhood suffrage!*"—(Mr. BRIGHT'S Speech at Birmingham.)

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☞ The unwillingness of Parliament to accept any measure of Reform had aroused a widespread discontent amongst the working classes. A monster gathering was held at Birmingham in August.—1866.

DERBY & CO
REFORM

## THE HONEST POTBOY.

DERBY (aside.) "*Don't froth it up this time, Ben. Good measure—the Inspectors have their eye on us.*"

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☞ A majority of the Cabinet had agreed to introduce an extensive measure of Reform, which was followed by the resignation of General Peel, and Lords Carnarvon and Cranbourne —1867.

REFOR
BOROUGH
COUNTY
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## THE POLITICAL EGG-DANCE.

☞ Mr. Disraeli's dexterous management of the Reform Bill in Committee enabled him to defeat several amendments moved by the Opposition.—1867.

STAND BY

## "THE RETURN FROM VICTORY."

(*With Mr. Punch's apologies to Mr. Calderon, R.A.*)

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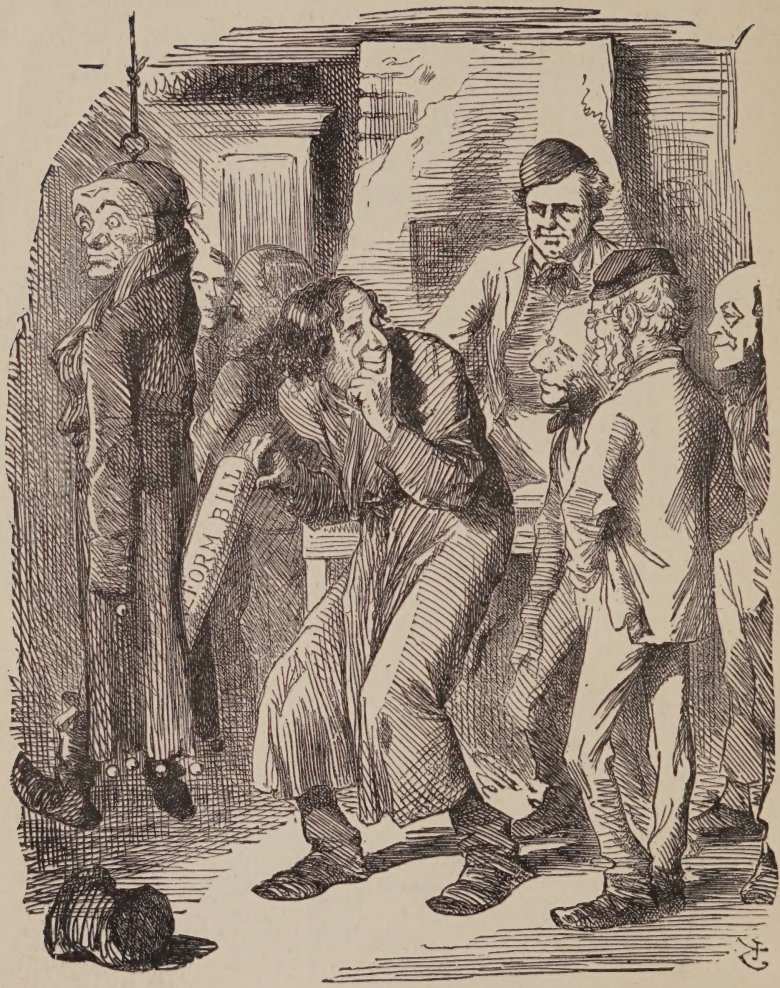
☞ Mr. Disraeli's Reform Bill was read a third time, and passed the House of Commons on July 15th, to the great rejoicing of the Conservative journals.—1867.


REFORM BILL

## FAGIN'S POLITICAL SCHOOL.

"*Now, mark this; because these are things which you may not have heard in any speech which has been made in the city of Edinburgh.* (Laughter and cheers.) *I had—if it be not arrogant to use such a phrase*—TO EDUCATE OUR PARTY. *It is a large party, and requires its attention to be called to questions of this kind with some pressure. I had to prepare the mind of Parliament and the country on this question of Reform.*"—(Mr. DISRAELI'S Speech at the Edinburgh Banquet.)

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☞ Mr. Disraeli had asserted that no Party could lay claim to a monopoly of Liberal principles—hence the Government were quite at liberty to deal with the Roman Question.—1867.

IVERSAL
SUFFRAGE
EDUCATION

## DR. BULL'S WAITING-ROOM.

BENJAMIN (to HIBERNIA). "*Please 'm, the doctor 'll take your case fust 'm.*"

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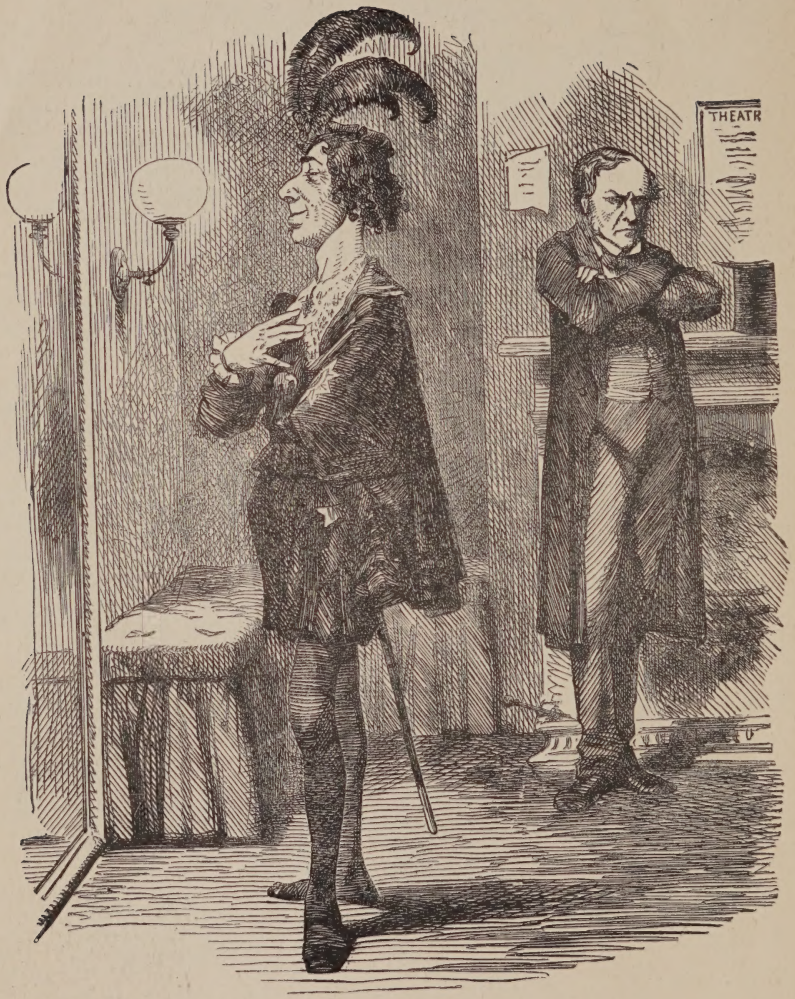
☞ Mr. Bright's further agitation of the Reform Question was (for the present) arrested by that of the Irish Church, which was uppermost in the minds of the country.—1868.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## RIVAL STARS.

MR. BENDIZZY (HAMLET). "'*To be, or not to be, that is the question:*'—*Ahem!*"

Mr. GLADSTONE (out of an engagement). [Aside.] "'*Leading business,*' *forsooth! His line is* '*General Utility!*' *Is the Manager mad? But no matter-rr—a time* WILL *come*——"

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☞ Though Mr. Disraeli was in office, his Party were in a minority in the House of Commons. The Opposition, under the nominal leadership of Mr. Gladstone, was disorganized.—1868.

SUSPENSORY BILL
POWD
MAC

## STEERING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN. "*Give up the helm?—Resign the command?—Never! Come one, come all, I stick to my* CRAFT. *Back, I say!—One step in-board, and I blow up the ship. Ha, ha!!*"

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☞ Mr. Gladstone's Irish Church Suspensory Bill was carried against the Government by large majorities.—1868.

MAJORITY
MINORITY

## THE POLITICAL LEOTARD.

"*It is a very old trick of mine*," *writes M. Leotard*, "*to make the belief to fall, and then to arrive on my feet.*"—Morning Paper.

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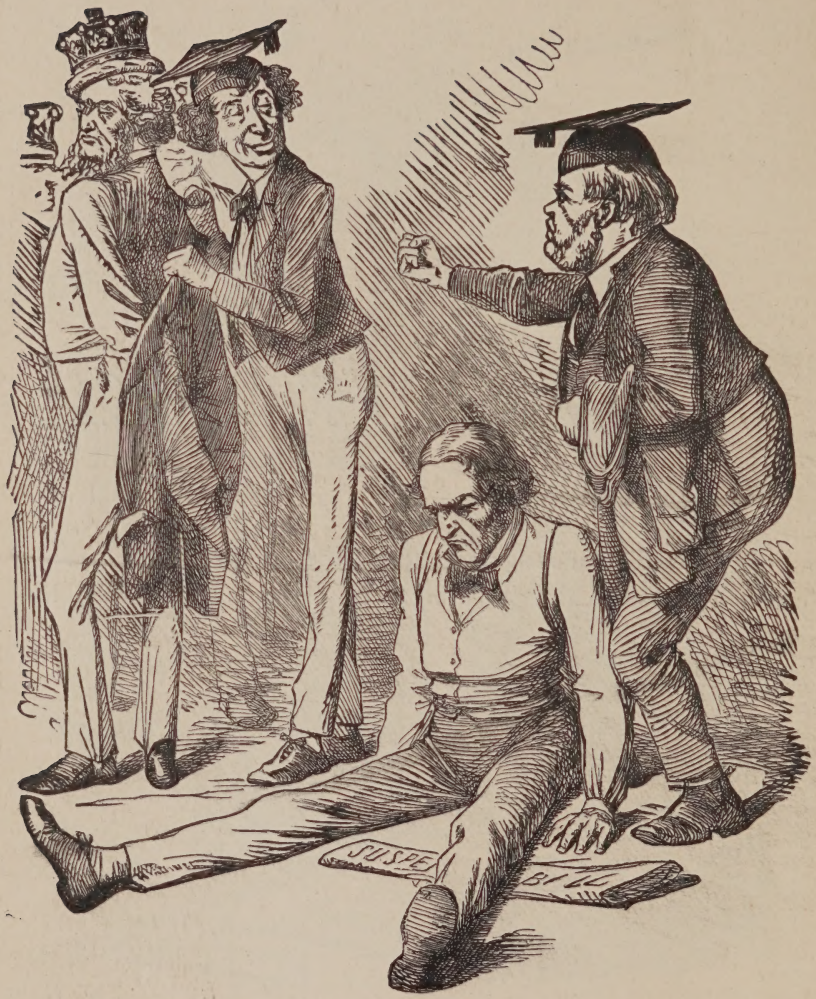
☞ Instead of resigning after his defeat, Mr. Disraeli continued to hold office, promising a dissolution of Parliament in the autumn.—1868.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BILL

## ATHLETICS AT WESTMINSTER.

JOHN BRIGHT. *"Ha! Won't you ketch it next half, when our big brother comes!!!"*

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☞ Mr. Gladstone's Irish Church Suspensory Bill was thrown out by the Lords. The "big brother" was the Borough Constituencies enlarged by the new Reform Bill.—1868.

## A DRESS REHEARSAL.

FRIEND BRIGHT. *"H'm! Ha! Verily these Ministerial garments won't be so unbecoming after all!"*—(Said, in other words, in his last address.)

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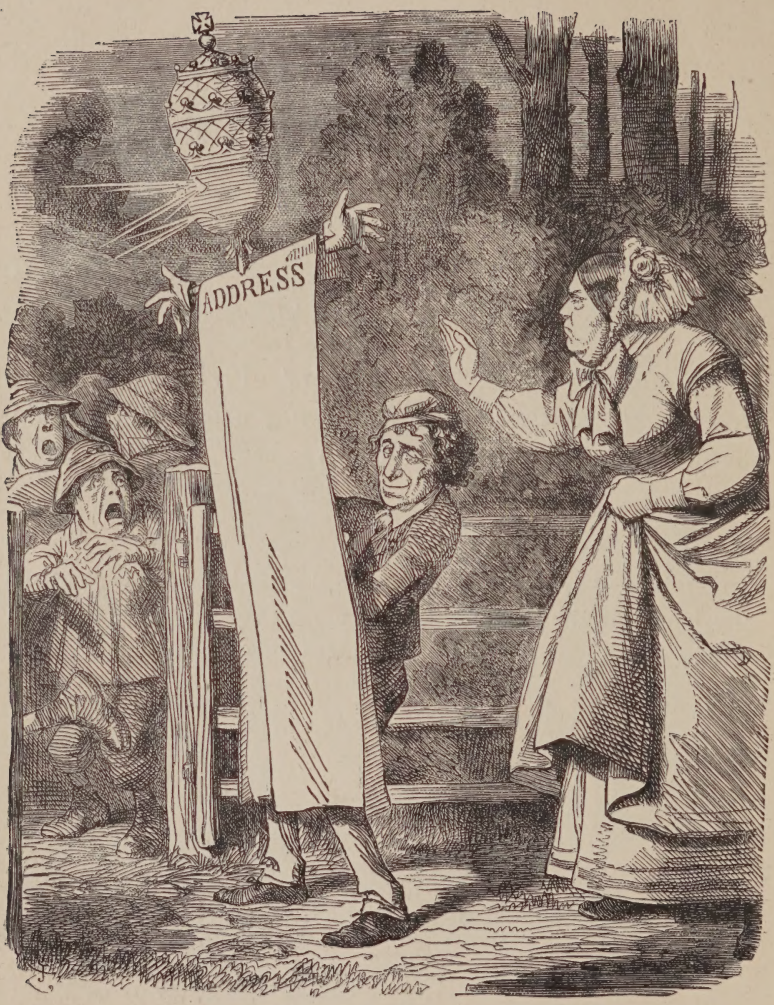
☞ The Leadership of the Liberal party having escaped from the hands of the Whigs, made it more than probable that Mr. Bright would have a seat in their next Cabinet.—1868.


ADDRESS

## BEN AND HIS BOGEY.

MRS. BULL. *"I 'll teach you to frighten people, Master Benjamin."*

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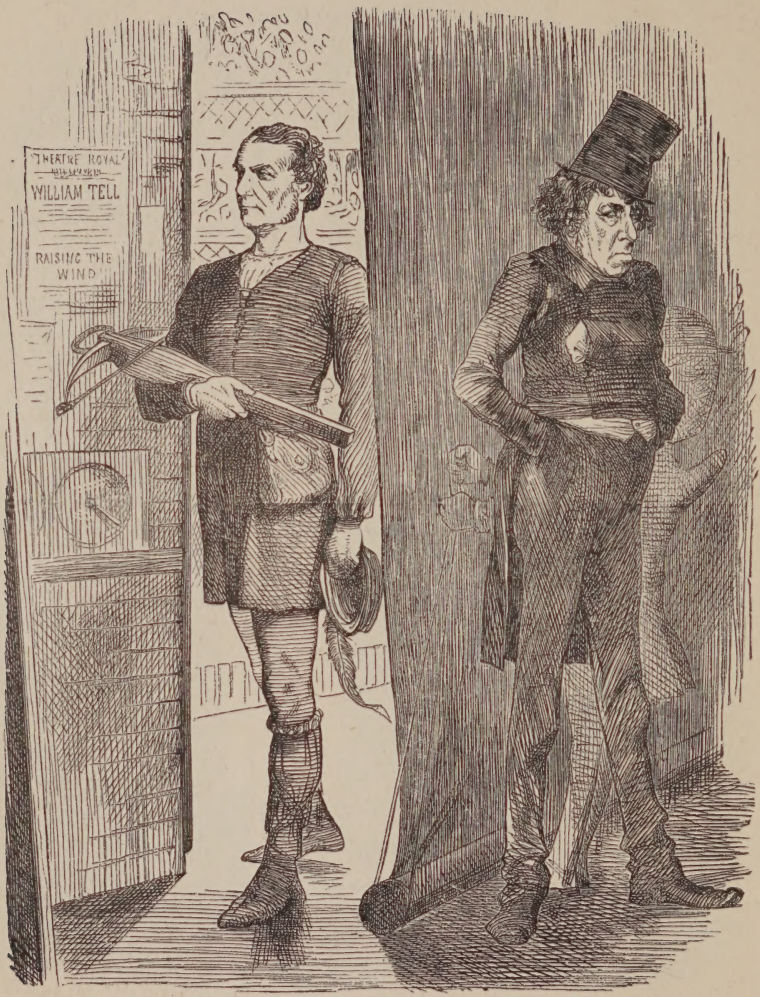
☞ In his address to the Buckinghamshire electors, Mr. Disraeli endeavored to alarm the country by declaring that the Church of Rome would be the only gainer by disestablishment.—1868.


THEATRE ROYAL
WILLIAM TELL
RAISING THE WIND

## RIVAL ACTORS.

(*Mr. Gladstone, as* William Tell, *has been called before the curtain "amid the deafening plaudits of a House crammed to the ceiling."*)

MR. BENDIZZY (JEREMY DIDDLER). *"He 's got the House with him, that 's certain. Ahem! I must give 'em a touch of my* ART."

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☞ The general feeling throughout the country during the autumn was antagonistic to the Government.—1868.

## A "FRIEND" AT COURT.

WHAT WE HAVE READ. "*Mr. Bright attended yesterday at Windsor, and kissed Her Majesty's hand on his appointment to the Board of Trade.*"

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☞ The defeat of the Conservatives at the General Election was followed by the formation of a Liberal Administration, in which Mr. Bright was included as President of the Board of Trade.—1868.

STANDARD
IRISH
CHURCH

## THE RISING TIDE.

MRS. GAMP. *"O you bad, wicked boy! I s'pose you 'll be for a-washin' away* THAT *Church next!"*

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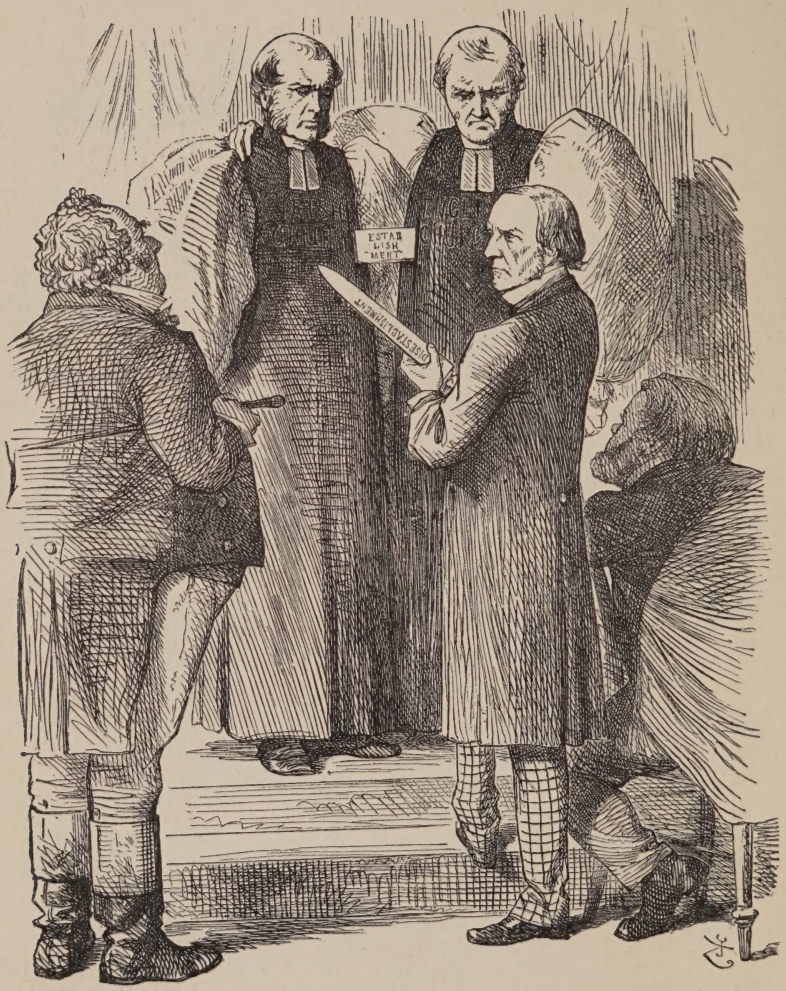
☞ Immediately after the close of Parliament, Mr. Gladstone commenced his electoral canvass. The Irish Church question was the all-absorbing one before the constituencies.—1868.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MENT

## OUR SIAMESE TWINS.

MR. BULL. "*You don't think the operation will be fatal to either?*"

DR. GLADSTONE. "*Oh, no!*"

DR. BRIGHT. "*Not a bit!—Do 'em both all the good in the world.*"

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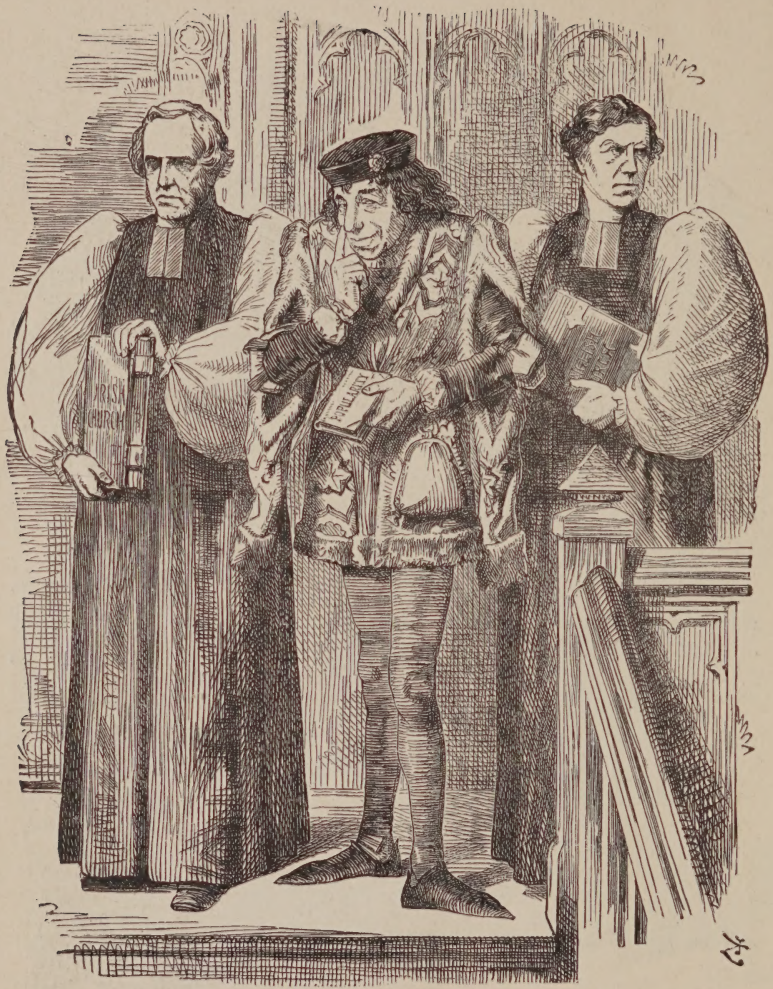
☞ Mr. Gladstone's great majority in the new Parliament was unmistakable evidence of the opinion of the country that "the Church in Ireland as an Establishment should cease to exist."—1869.


IRISH
CHURCH

## A POLITICAL PARALLEL.

"*See, where his Grace stands 'tween two clergymen!*"—*Vide* RICHARD III., Act iii., Scene 7.

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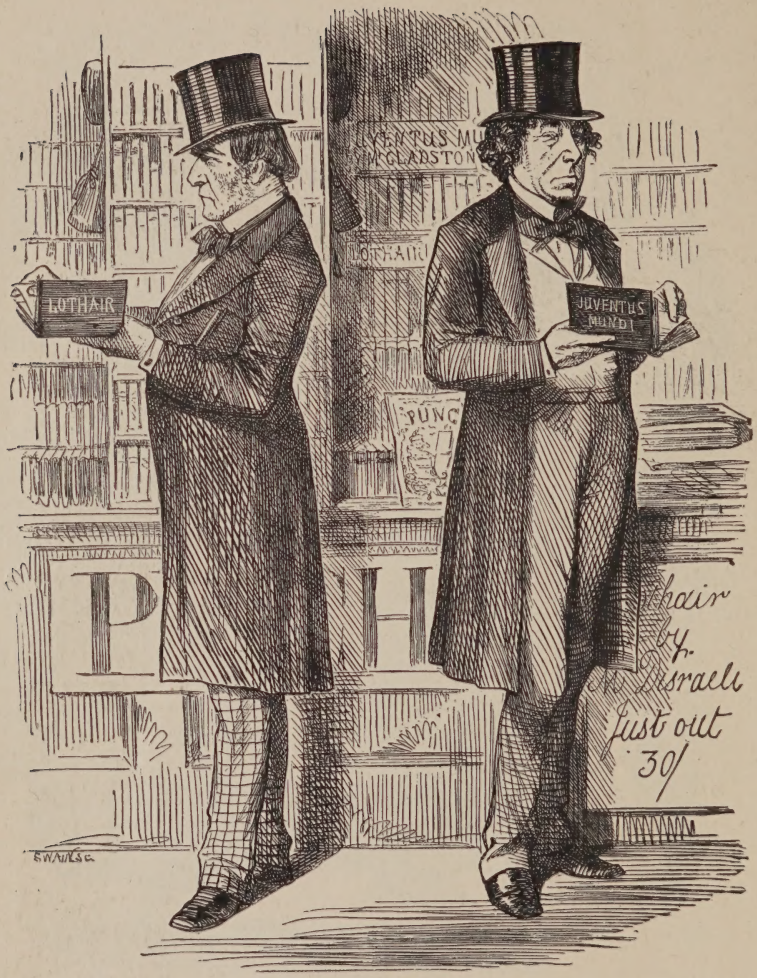
☞ The approaching General Election was to turn upon the Irish Church question, and the Government was assured of the full support of the Clergy.—1868.


LOTHAIR
JUVENTUS MUNDI
PUNCH
Lothair by D. Disraeli Just out 30/

## "CRITICS."

(*Who have* not exactly "*failed in literature and art.*")—See Mr. D.'s new work.

MR. G-D-S-T-NE. "*Hm!—Flippant!*"
MR. D-S-R-LI. "*Ha!—Prosy!*"

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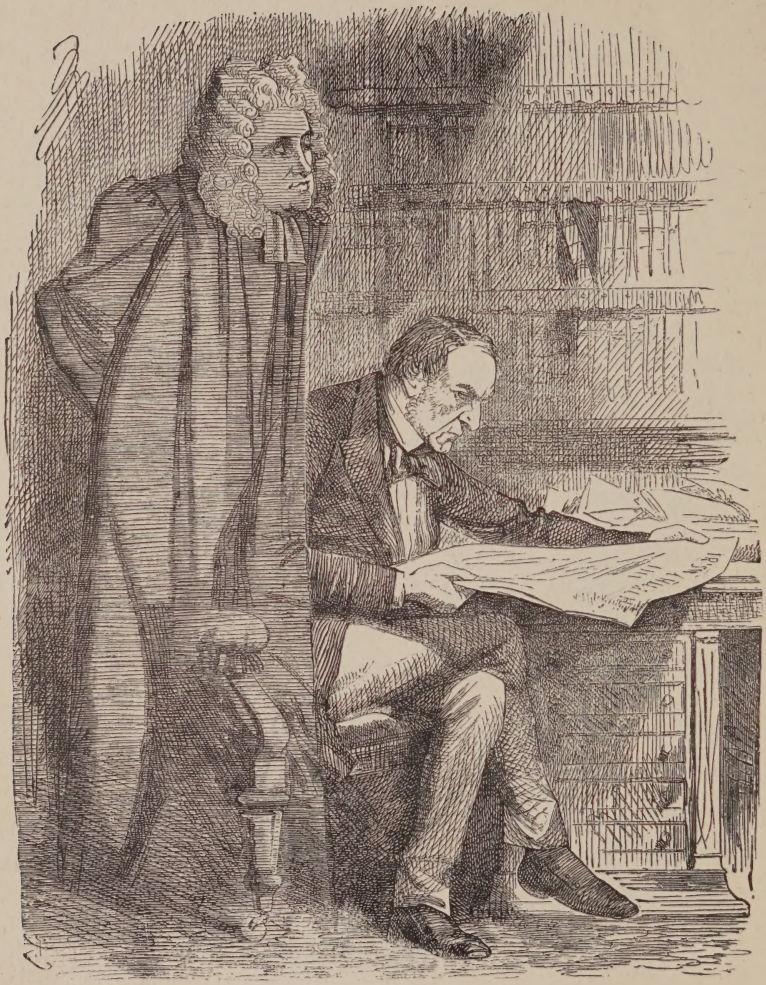
☞ Mr. Disraeli's latest novel, "Lothair," was published at this time, as was also Mr. Gladstone's work on Grecian Mythology.—1870.



## SWIFT ON A LARGE SCALE.

GHOST OF DEAN SWIFT. "*Well Mr. Gladstone, you quoted my will, but, by Gumdragon, you might have given me credit for being the author of your plan. I left* MY *Church surplus to a Lunatic Asylum.*"

"*To show by one satiric touch*
NO NATION WANTED IT SO MUCH."

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☞ Out of the surplus remaining from the Irish Church endowments, Mr. Gladstone assigned a large portion for humanitarian purposes—the care of lunatics, the deaf and dumb, the blind, etc.—1869.

## FORGETTING HIS PLACE.

JOHN BRIGHT. "*Irish Church coming down!—pull out o' the way there with that 'infatuated' old machine of yours—can't yer?*"

GROOM OF THE CHAMBERS. "*John, John, you 're* FORGETTING YOUR PLACE—*you must n't use that sort of language* NOW."

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☞ Mr. Bright's characteristic disregard of the Upper House had been unwisely expressed in a published letter to his constituents.—1869.

## THE BILL OF FARE.

MR. GLADSTONE (THE "CHEF"). "*Irish stew first, Mrs. B., and then——*"

MRS. BRIGHT (THE COOK). "*Lor bless you, Mr. G., the Irish stew 's quite as much as they 'll get through, I 'll be bound!*"

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☞ Commenting on the difficulty of passing several important measures in one Session, Mr. Bright had said: "It was not easy to drive six omnibuses abreast through Temple Bar."—1870.

PRISON
BALLOT
PENAL
JOKES
EDUCATION
EMIGRATION
TRADES
LICENSES
MILITARY
REFORM
RAILWAYS
PUBLIC WORKS

# HERCULES AND THE HYDRA.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's zealous determination, in fulfilment of his pledges, to grapple with the great questions at this time perplexing the country, was displayed in the large number of important measures laid before Parliament.

## WILLIAM COX AND BENJAMIN BOX.

COX. "*Can you Fight?*"

BOX. "*No, I can't.*"

COX. "THEN COME ON!!!"

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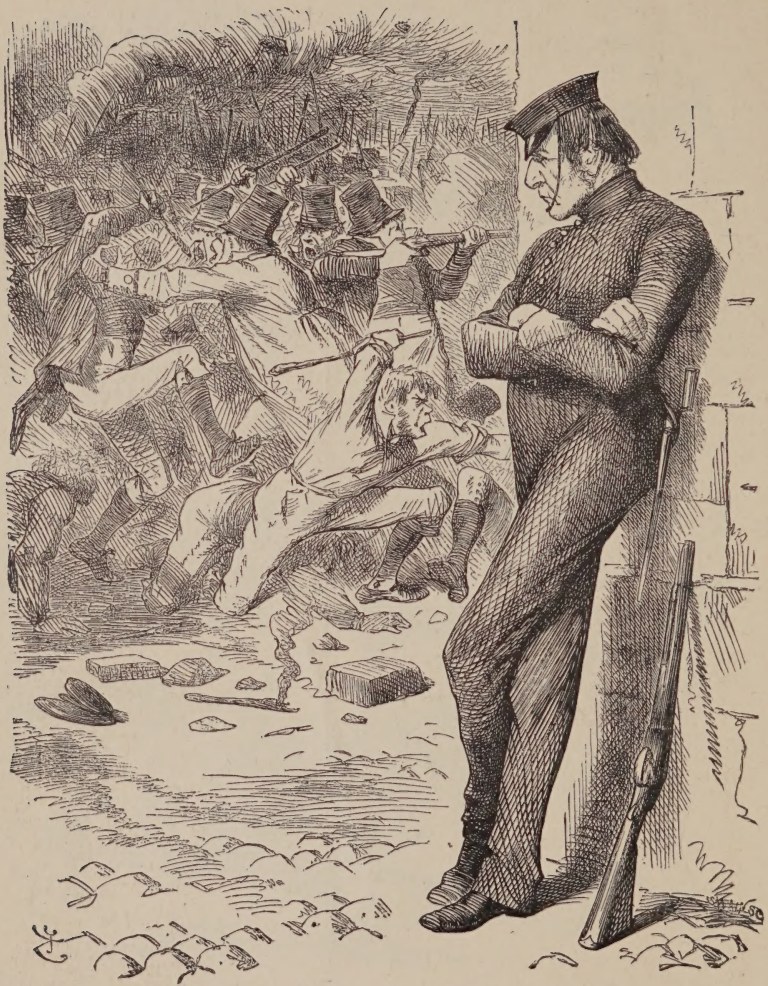
☞ Mr. Gladstone's (at this time) compact majority effectively disabled Mr. Disraeli, and rendered the Opposition powerless for attack.—1870.

IRISH LAND QUESTION
LANDLORD
TENANT

## TAKING THE (IRISH) BULL BY THE HORNS.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's Irish Land Bill was the chief measure of the Session, and provoked much discussion. It successfully passed both houses.—1870.



## "WHERE 'S THE (IRISH) POLICE?"

CHIEF CONSTABLE. "*H'm!—shooting landlords!—wrecking private property!—burning stores!—seizing arms!—breaking heads!—murder and intimidation!—'Pon my word, if they go much further I must really*——DO SOMETHING!!!"

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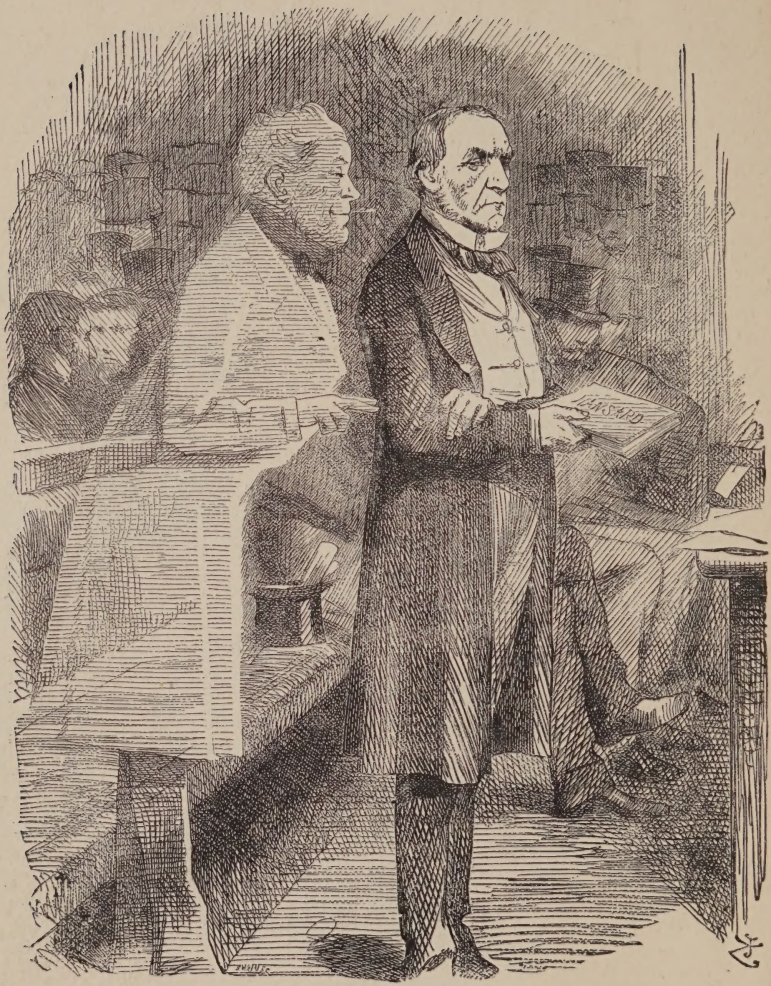
☞ The Fenian outrages in Ireland called loudly for vigorous repression. A Peace Preservation Bill was introduced on March 17th, and almost unanimously passed into law.—1870.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

## "MUCH CRY AND LITTLE WOOL"; OR, SHAVING THE PARLIAMENTARY PIG.

☞ The Session had been an almost barren one prior to the Easter recess. Too much talk—too little work.—1870.



## THE IN-"JUDICIOUS BOTTLE-HOLDER."

GHOST OF PAM. "*Aha, dear boy! we managed things rather differently when* I *was bottle-holder!*"

"*I have been told that* LORD PALMERSTON *always looked on the Neutralization of the Black Sea as an arrangement that might be maintained for a limited number of years, but which it was impossible to maintain permanently. I have been told* LORD CLARENDON *never attached value to that neutralization.*"
—MR. GLADSTONE (while the Black-Sea Conference was sitting).

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☞ Mr. Gladstone's pacific attitude on the high-handed abrogation by Russia of the Black-Sea clauses of the Treaty of Paris was injurious to the Ministry.—1871.

PURCHASE

## A (VERY) "STRAIGHT TIP!"

WILLIAM (the Jockey). "*Well, if you* MUST *know, I'm going to win with* THIS—*and Ballot second!*"

BEN (a Tout). "*Oh, ah! I dessay! A couple o' precious screws! How about* BUDGET? *Yah!!*"

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☞ The Budget proposals of the Government were not approved by the country. Several of them, including the "Match Tax," were withdrawn, and in their stead twopence was added to the Income Tax.—1871.

## THE STRONG GOVERNMENT.

BEN (a rude boy). *"Now, then, all together!—and be wery careful as you don't overdo yerselves!"*

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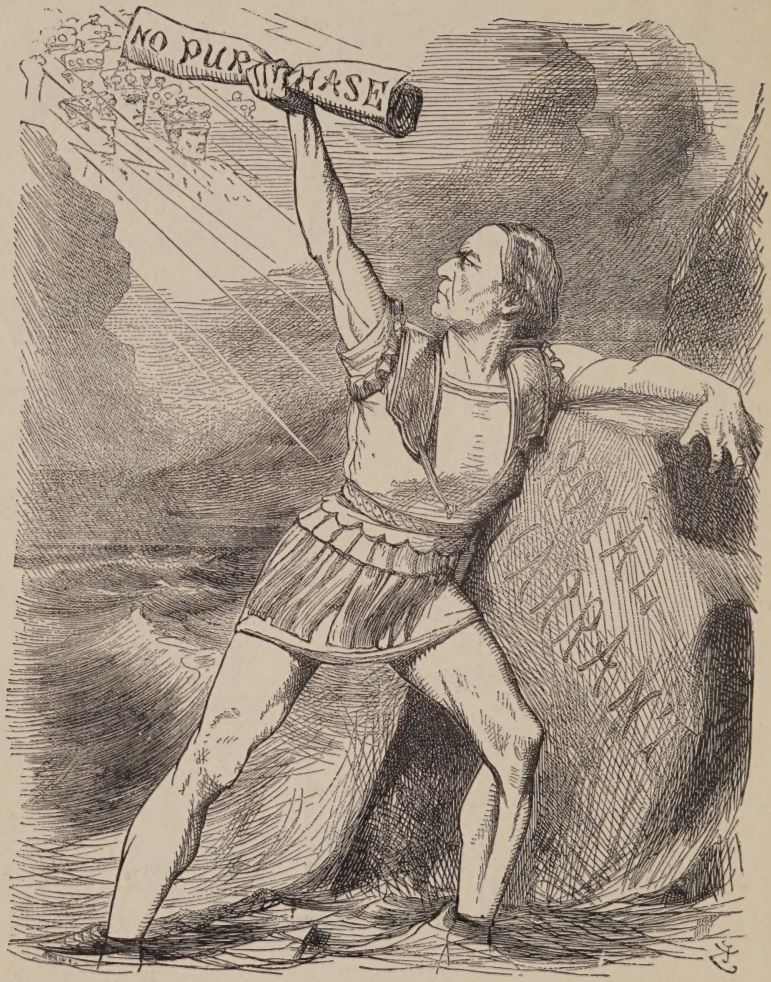
☞ The Ballot Bill was introduced by the Government toward the close of a busy Session, and was not altogether palatable to their supporters.—1871.


NO PURCHASE

## AJAX DEFYING THE LIGHTNING.

☞ On the rejection of the Army Bill by the Upper House, the Purchase System was abolished by Royal Warrant. This measure provoked the angry resentment of the Peers.—1871.

LICENSING BILL
WATER BILL
BALLOT

## THE END OF THE SEASON.

BUTLER. "*Before taking leave for my holiday, my Lady, may I venture to hope that my conduct, and that of the other servants, has given you every satisfaction.*"

BRITANNIA. "*Take your holiday, Ewart. The less said about the rest the better!*"

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☞ The popularity of the Government had declined during the Session. Some of their actions had failed to win the approval of the constituencies.—1871.

## "HOBSON'S CHOICE."

M. TH- -RS. "*He, mon ami! They may say that I am petulant, but*——"

MR. GL-DST-NE. "*Ah, M. le Président, just so! They say I 'm irritable, but*—THEY CAN'T GET ON WITHOUT US!"

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☞ Equally eminent as statesmen, Mr. Gladstone and M. Thiers were alike defective in the art of guiding a representative Assembly.—1871.

TEA 9d
EACH.
HOT WATER 2
1 9d
WITH SHRIMPS

## "WILLIE, WE HAVE MISSED YOU."

MISS GREENWICH. "*Glad to see you at last, sir. Plenty of hot water, sir!*"

MR. GL-DST-NE. "*My dear young friend, pray don't talk to me of* HOT WATER; *I came here to* GET OUT OF IT!"

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☞ Mr. Gladstone made his first visit to his constituents at Greenwich, October 28th.—1871.

RADICALISM
TORYISM

## HIS FAVORITE PART.

"*Mr. Gladstone is ever happy to appear in the character of a Scotsman.*"—Letter from the PREMIER'S Secretary.

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☞ Although born at Liverpool, Mr. Gladstone is, as is well known, of Scottish parentage.—1871.

## SMOKING THE "CALUMET."

JO-NA-THAN (The Downy Bird). "*Come, my cousin! Let us smoke the peace-pipe!*"

WIL-YUM-EW-ART (The Cheerful Rock). "*That is no peace-pipe! Thy cousin cannot smoke* THAT!"

ROO-TI-TOOIT (The Wise Buffalo). "*Hath not our cousin 'The Downy Bird' been at the fire-water of the pale faces?*"

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☞ The Ministry declined to recognize the claim made by the American Government for damages indirectly resulting from the depredations of the notorious *Alabama*. The claim was afterward withdrawn.—1872.

COMMONS
PUNISHMENT ROO
SOME
DEFEATS

## "NON DOLET."

MR. PUNCH. "*William, William, this is very* VERY *sad! Why these repeated floggings, dear boy? Not a week passes but*——"

HEAD BOY. "*All right, sir! What 's the odds?* IT DON'T HURT!!"

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☞ The waning popularity of the Government was shown by the almost unvarying rejection of their supporters at the bye elections.—1872.

CONFEDERATISM
LANCASHIRE SPEECHES 1863

## THE LANCASHIRE LIONS.

"*So have I heard on inky Irwell's shore,*
ANOTHER LION *give a louder roar,*
*And the first lion thought the last a bore.*"
—BOMBASTES FURIOSO.

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☞ Mr. Disraeli received an enthusiastic welcome in Lancashire. In his speech at Manchester he likened the occupants of the Ministerial bench to a row of extinct volcanoes.—1872.

## THE CONSERVATIVE PROGRAMME.

"*Deputation below, Sir.—Want to know the Conservative Programme.*"

RT. HON. BEN. DIZ. "*Eh?—Oh!—Ah!—Yes!—Quite so! Tell them, my good Abercorn, with my compliments, that we propose to rely on the Sublime Instincts of an Ancient People!!*"—(See Speech at Crystal Palace.)

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☞ A great Conservative demonstration was made at the Crystal Palace in recognition of the growing unpopularity of the Government. Mr. Disraeli refrained from committing his Party to a definite programme.—1872.

INQUIRY
THE CHURCH

## EXTINGUISHED!

"*It is not* YOUR *business, Mr. Meddlesome, to be pulling down churches. You leave that work to your betters.*"

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☞ Mr. Miall's Disestablishment motion was again resisted by the Government, and rejected by a large majority.—1872.

COFFEE ROOM
SAN JUAN

## "HUMBLE PIE."

MR. BULL. "*Humble pie again, William!—You gave me that yesterday!*"

HEAD WAITER. "*Yes, sir—No, sir—That were* **GENEVA** *humble pie, sir. This is* **BERLIN** *humble pie, sir!!*"

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☞ The dispute respecting the San Juan boundary was submitted to the arbitration of the German Emperor. He decided in favor of the American claim.—1872.

BAKERS
COAL MINERS
POLICE
HOMER

## "MY OLD FRIEND HOMER."

("*Every day must begin for me with my old friend* HOMER—*the friend of my youth, the friend of my middle age and of my old age— from whom I hope never to be parted so long as I have any faculties, or any breath in my body.*"—Mr. GLADSTONE, Dec. 3, 1872.)

GHOST (*rises*):

"But if a clamorous vile plebeian rose,
Him with reproof he checked, or tamed with blows:
'Be silent, wretch, and think not here allowed
That WORST OF TYRANTS, a USURPING CROWD.'
—*That is Mr. Pope's translation of a passage of mine, sir. What do* YOU *make of it?*"

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☞ Much of the dissatisfied feeling at this time prevalent amongst the working classes was attributed to the supineness of the Government.—1872.

## A DEPLORABLE SCEPTIC.

SAIREY GAMP. *"Quite right to refuge the money, my precious Bobsey, but I was sorry to read your languidge to that dear Lord Stanhope about Troy, and Achilles, and 'Omer, which it 's well beknown I studies 'im day and night."*

BOBSEY PRIG. *"Bother your 'Omers, and your Achilleses, and your Troys! I don't believe as there was ever no such persons!"*

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☞ Mr. Gladstone's reverent appreciation of Homer is displayed in this Cartoon. Mr. Lowe has never concealed his contemptuous intolerance of all classical studies.—1873.

PUBLIC
INTEREST
SESSION
1873

## THE TWO AUGURS.

DISRALIUS. "*I always wonder, Brother, how we Chief Augurs can meet on the opening day without laughing!*"

GLADSTONIUS. "*I have never felt any temptation to the hilarity you suggest, Brother; and the remark savors of flippancy.*"

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☞ Mr. Disraeli was more successful as a leader of his Party or of the House of Commons than his great antagonist.

## "HOW NOT TO SAY IT."

MR. D. "*King Louis Philippe once told me, Mr. Punch, that he attributed our great political success to our talking politics after dinner.*"

MR. P. "*Ulysses was wise, my dear Lord Rector; therefore favor me with a slight idea of the Conservative policy.*"

MR. D. "*Pardon me, dear friend, I said* 'POLITICS,' *not* 'POLICY.' *Take some more Maraschino!*"—(See Speech at Glasgow.)

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☞ The country expected Mr. Disraeli to announce the policy of the Conservative Party during his visit to Glasgow as Lord Rector of the University—but he failed to give any indication. Mr. Gladstone's Ministry had suffered defeat in the previous Session.—1873.

## ONE IN THE "CORPORATION."

"*Take that in your charity-basket, you 'fatted, gorged, not to say bloated,' old grabber!*"—(See Mr. GLADSTONE'S speech à propos of Emanuel Hospital and the City Aldermen.)

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☞ The London Corporation fought strenuously for the retention of the patronage of Emanuel Hospital—but failed, owing to Mr. Gladstone's outspoken resistance.—1873.

FRANCHISE
FOR HODGE

## GREAT AUTUMN MANŒUVRE.

HODGE. "*Lor-a-massy, me-aster! Be oi to be a 'power in t' ste-ate'? What be oi to get by tha-at?*"

MR. G. "*That, my good friend, is a mere detail. The question is, what am* I *to get by it!!*"

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☞ In the Debate as to giving a vote to the Agricultural Laborer, Mr. Forster read a letter from the Premier, who declared that such extension of franchise was just and politic, and could not long be avoided.—1873.

## A FRIEND IN NEED.

MR. GLADSTONE. *"My dear John, I congratulate you! Just in time to settle accounts with our black friend yonder!"*

JOHN BRIGHT. *"H'm! Fighting is not quite in my line, as thee knowest, friend William; nevertheless——!"*

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☞ Several important changes had been made with the view of strengthening the Cabinet. Amongst others, Mr. Bright again accepted office as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The Ashantee War was now in progress.—1873.

LIBERAL LEAD ENOUGH

## THE NEW SHEPHERD.

HARTINGTON (new hand, just taken on). "*Hey, but measter!*—WHERE BE THE SHEEP?"

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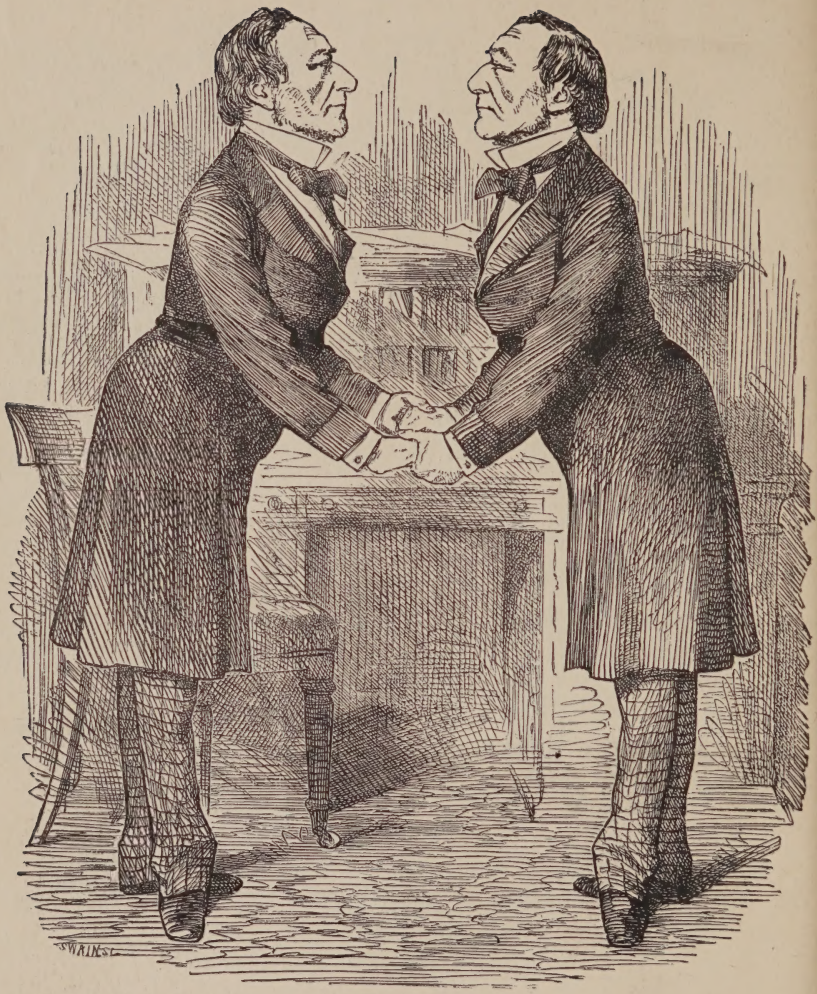
☞ Mr. Bright's nomination of Lord Hartington as Leader of the shattered Liberal Party was acquiesced in by the rival candidates.—1873.



## "SELF AND PARTNER."

MR. GLADSTONE. "*My dear First Lord, I have the utmost confidence in* YOU."

MR. GLADSTONE. "*And I in* YOU, *my dear Chancellor of the Exchequer; and if our colleagues were only like us, we should all be as one man!*"

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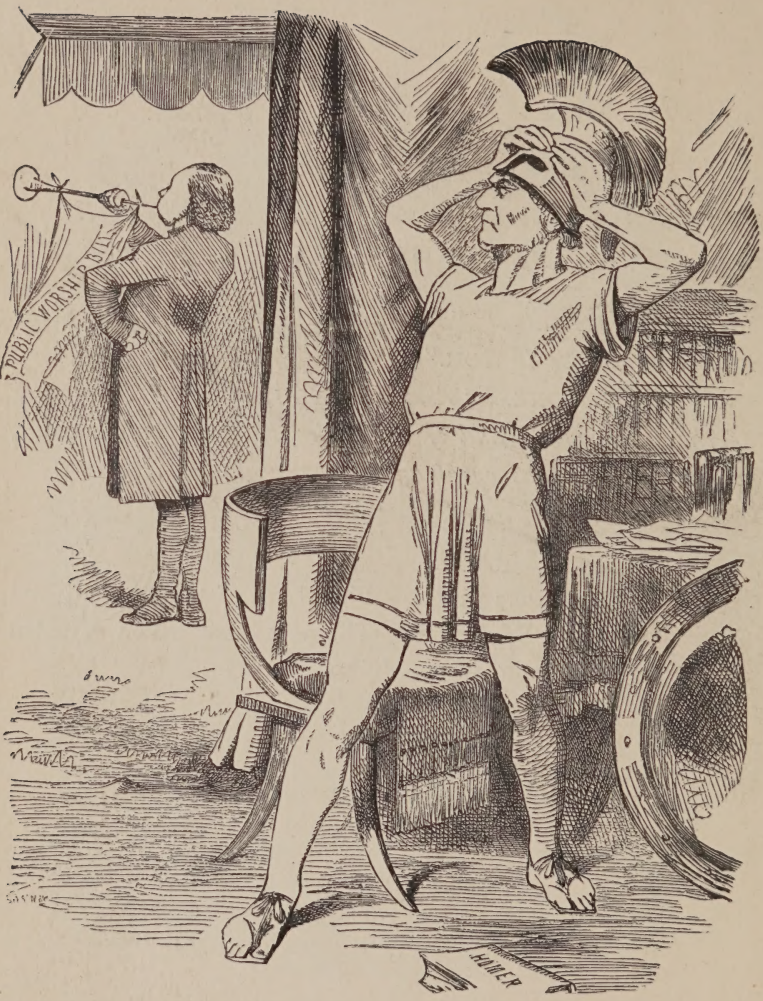
☞ Mr. Gladstone was now First Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer. The past Session had revealed an absence of harmony in the Ministry.—1873.


PUBLIC WORSHIP BILL
HUMBER

## THE AWAKING OF ACHILLES.

☞ The Public Worship Bill introduced by the Bishop of London was suddenly adopted by the Government "to put down Ritualism." Mr. Gladstone emerged from his retirement to oppose it.—1874.

MAJORITY

## PARADISE AND THE PERI.

*"Joy, joy for ever! My task is done—*
*The gates are passed, and Heaven is won!"*

—LALLA ROOKH.

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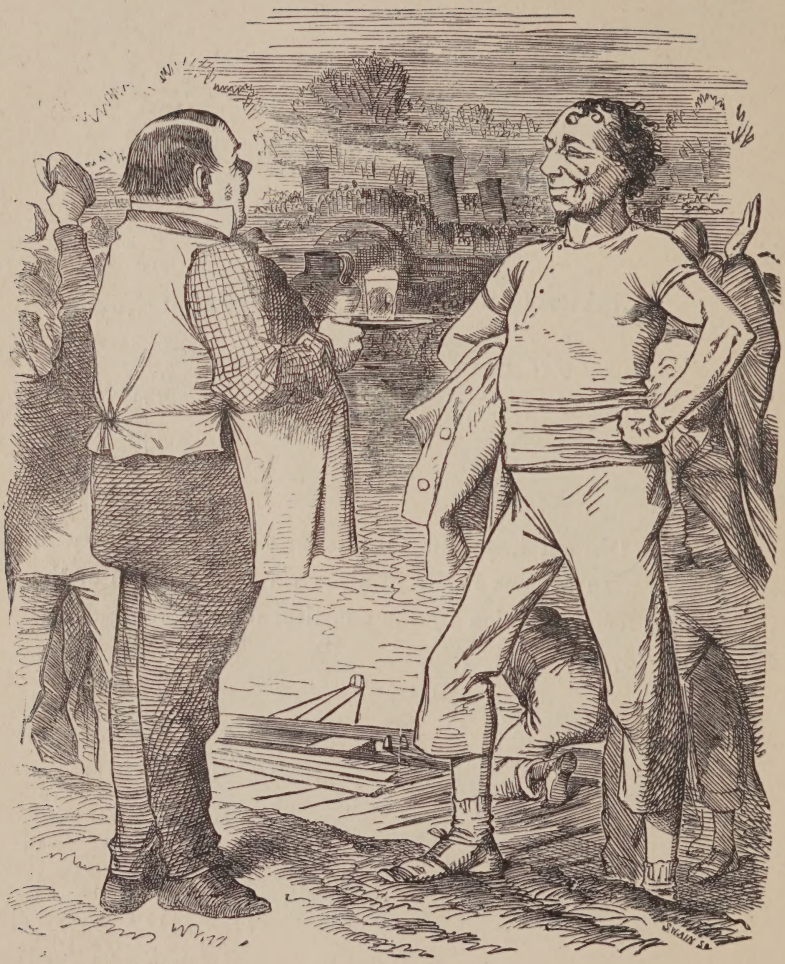
☞ Mr. Disraeli had now for the first time a majority in Parliament. He became Prime Minister on the rejection of the the Liberal Administration by the constituencies at the General Election.—1874.



## THE WINNING "STROKE."

PUBLICAN. *"'Ooray! Glad you 've won, Sir."*

DIZZY. *"Thanks. I knew those* SLIDING SEATS *would upset 'em!"*

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☞ Some portion of the Conservative success was supposed to be due to the Publican interest, and to the operation of the Ballot.—1874.

PUBLIC HOUSES
ENDOWED SCHOOLS
FACTORIES

## A REAL CONSERVATIVE REVIVAL.

"*We have little or no* FISH, *Gentlemen; but at least we have revived that great and Conservative institution*, THE MINISTERIAL FISH-DINNER!!!"

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☞ The number of measures passed by Mr. Disraeli's Government compared unfavorably with what had been done by the preceding Administration.—1874.

PAMPHLET
PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

## AN UNEXPECTED CUT.

MR. P. *"Go it, Gladstone! We did n't expect to find you cutting at* THAT *tree you know!"*

MR. G. *"All right, Mr. Punch! I choose my own trees, and my own time!"*

"MR. GLADSTONE *has been cutting down trees at Hawarden.*"—MORNING PAPER.

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☞ Mr. Gladstone now repaid the Ultramontane hostility of the preceding year by an effective exposure of the Papal claims to infallibility.—1874.

## "ARCADES AMBO!"

PRINCE B-SM-K. "*Ah, you did not expect to see me in Arcadia—Nein?*"

RIGHT HON. W. E. G. "*Oh, you 'll not find it at all dull! Lots to do!* LOOK AT ME!!!"

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☞ Mr. Gladstone abated little of his wonted mental activity, although freed from the cares of office. Prince Bismarck was at this time in (a nominal) retirement.—1877.

OLD SAVINGS BANK
FREEDMEN SAVINGS
MILDEWED SAVINGS BANK

## THE INDIGNANT BYSTANDER.

MR. GLADSTONE. "*Don't you see, Sir, they 're* DOing *you? You* MUST *lose!—Really, the Police ought to interfere!*"

DIZZY (a Simple Countryman!). "*Don't mind* HIM, *Sir! It 's all his spite! He once kep' a table hisself!*"

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☞ The Savings Banks Bill introduced by the Government was strongly opposed by Mr. Gladstone. The Bill was afterward withdrawn.—1875.

## "GOOD-BYE!"

D—SR—LI. "*Sorry to lose you!—I* BEGAN *with books; you 're ending with them. Perhaps you 're the wiser of the two.*"

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☞ Mr. Gladstone formally relinquished the Leadership of the Liberal Party, and made only an occasional appearance in Parliament during the Session.—1875.

## MORE SLAVERIES THAN ONE.

RIGHT HON. B. D. "*Now that your Highness has seen the blessings of Freedom, I trust we may rely upon your strenuous help in putting down Slavery?*"

SULTAN SEYYID BARGHASH. "*Ah, yes! Certainly! But remember, O Sheikh Ben Dizzy,* CONSERVATIVE PARTY VERY STRONG *in Zanzibar!*"

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☞ The Sultan of Zanzibar made a visit to Europe, and remained six weeks in London. He was pressed by the Government to use his influence to stop the Slave traffic in his dominions.—1875.

## "PERMISSIVE" GOVERNMENT.

LORD H. "*After all 's said and done, you exist only on sufferance, you know.*"

RIGHT HONORABLE D. "'*Sufferance,*' *my dear Hartington !—*

'*Sufferance is the badge of all our tribe*' ! ! !"

—MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act. i., Scene 3.

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☞ Lord Hartington, as Leader of the Opposition, strongly animadverted on the feebleness of the Government and the comparative uselessness of their legislation.—1875.

THE KYUU
INDIA
SUEZ CANAL

## "MOSÈ IN EGITTO!!!"

☞ Mr. Disraeli extorted the admiration of the country by purchasing for £4,000,000, on behalf of the Government, the shares in the Suez Canal held by the Khedive of Egypt.—1875.

4000,000
INDIA

## THE LION'S SHARE.

*"Gare à qui la touche!"*

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☞ The acquisition of the Suez Canal Shares was accepted by the country as securing the safety of "The Key to India."—1876.

FUGITIVE SLAVE CIRCULAR (2)
BURIALS QUESTION
UNREFORMED CORPORATIONS
VANGUARD
ROYAL COMMISSION
COMPROMISE
INQUIRY
PAPERS
SELECT COMMITTEE
SWAINE

## CIVIL SERVICE STORES.

*"What can we do for you Madam? Royal Commission? —Select Committee?—Papers?—Careful Consideration?— Official Inquiry?—Any thing to oblige!"*

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☞ The Government was charged with the too-frequent practice of evading responsibility by referring embarrassing subjects to a Royal Commission or a Select Committee.—1876.

INDIA

## "NEW CROWNS FOR OLD ONES!"

(ALADDIN *adapted.*)

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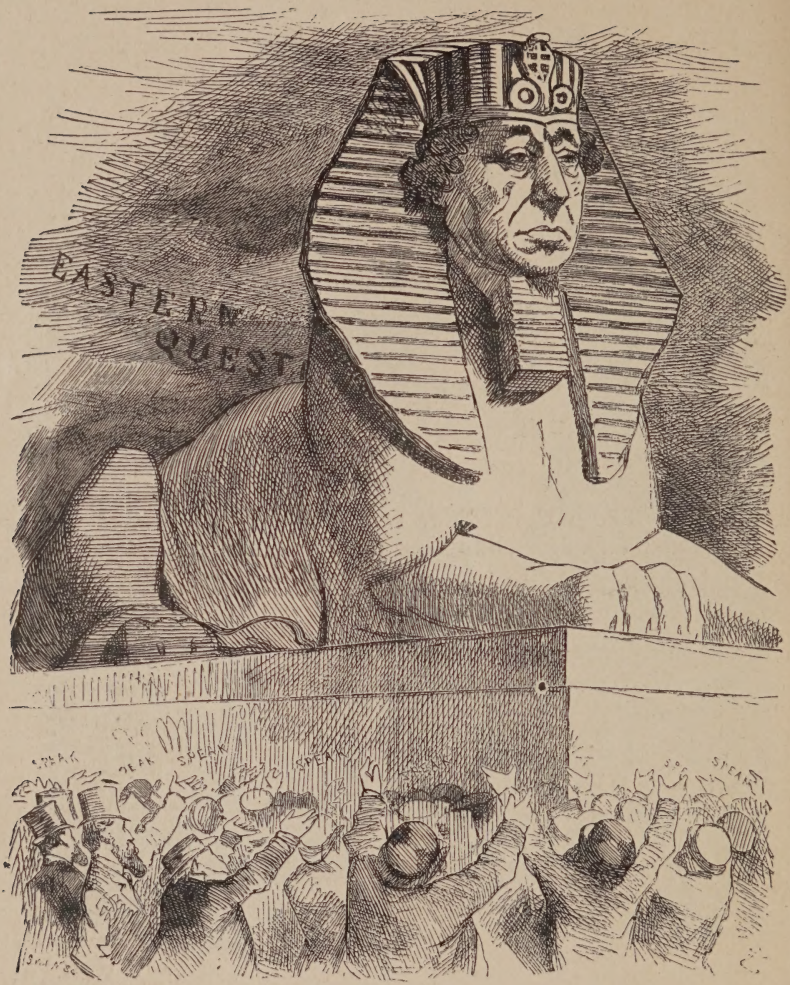
☞ The Bill for adding to the Royal Titles that of Empress of India, though pressed forward by the Government, was scarcely approved by the country.—1876.


EASTERN
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## THE SPHINX IS SILENT.

☞ Servia and Montenegro having declared war against Turkey, and thus re-opened the Eastern Question, both Parliament and the country were anxious to know the policy of the Government, but Mr. Disraeli declined to yield information.—1876.

## NEUTRALITY UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

DIZZY. "*Bulgarian Atrocities! I can't find them in the 'Official Reports'!!!*"

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☞ The country was deeply stirred by the dreadful outrages in Bulgaria, and Mr. Disraeli's attitude of official indifference called forth wide disapprobation.—1876.

## EMPRESS AND EARL;

### OR, ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER.

LORD BEACONSFIELD. "*Thanks, your Majesty. I might have had it before!* NOW *I think I have* EARNED *it!*"

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☞ Mr. Disraeli, at the close of the Session, was raised to the Peerage by the title of Earl of Beaconsfield.—1876.

SUDATORIUM

## THE TURKISH BATH.

ATTENDANT. *"How do you feel after your bath, my lord?"*

LORD B. *"Pretty comfortable, thank you!*—(Aside. *Lost some weight, I fancy.*)—*You made it so confoundedly* HOT *for me!!!"*

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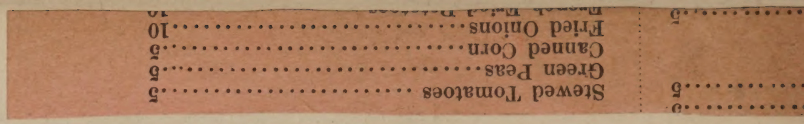
☞ Mr. Gladstone endeavored to influence the policy of the Government on the Eastern Question by appealing to the public through the press and on the platform in the cause of the suffering Bulgarians.—1876.

TURKISH RULE




## "WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE!"

LORD BEACONSFIELD sings:

*"Woodman, spare that tree!*
*I love it, every bough;*
THE *Asian Mystery,*
*That it has lived till now!"*

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☞ Mr. Gladstone failed to obtain the support of Parliament to his Resolution condemnatory of the Turkish Government, and was beaten by a majority of 151.—1877.

Charlotte Russe.....
Bowl Custard.....

**Drinks.**

Coffee .....

## BENJAMIN BOMBASTES.

*"Who dares this pair of Boots displace,*
*Must meet Bombastes face to face!—*
*Thus do I challenge all the human race!"*

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☞ The Ministry addressed a dispatch to the Russian Government defining what were British interests, and intimating that if these were endangered they could not hold to their attitude of neutrality.—1877.

WAR

## ON THE DIZZY BRINK.

LORD B. *"Just a leetle nearer the edge?"*

BRITANNIA. *"Not an inch farther. I 'm a good deal nearer than is pleasant already!"*

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☞ By the dispatch of the British Fleet to Constantinople, the risk of a collision with the Russian Forces, resulting in war, was made probable.—1878.

WAR
PEACE
WAR
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PEACE
PUNCH

## "THE MYSTERIOUS CABINET TRICK."

(*Beats* MASKELYNE AND COOKE *hollow!*)

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☞ Rumors of dissensions in the Cabinet on the question of Peace or War, though denied by Ministers, were acknowledged by the actual resignation of Lord Carnarvon and the threatened resignation of Lord Derby.—1878.

## "THE CONFIDENCE TRICK!"

ST-FF-RD N-RTHC-TE (loq.). "*You hand us over your Six Millions—we put it up safe for you, and let you have it again, of course—just to show your* CONFIDENCE IN US, *don'tyerknow! ! !*"

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☞ The Government asked for a credit of £6,000,000, to strengthen their hands at the approaching Conference, and to show to the European Powers that they possessed the confidence of the country.—1878.

## OUR "IMPERIAL" GUARD.

LORD B. "*You have often helped* HER, *Madam.*"
INDIA. "*And now I am come to help* YOU!"

(BRITANNIA does n't exactly know how she likes it.)

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☞ Lord Beaconsfield electrified the country by the sudden summoning of a body of Indian troops to Malta for service in Europe.—1878.

# FIGURES FROM A "TRIUMPH."

(*A Relief—on the Road to Berlin.*)

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☞ Lord Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury were appointed Plenipotentiaries to represent the country at the Congress of Berlin.—1878.

CONGRESS
SWAIN

## "FAÇON DE PARLER?"

LORD B. (opens door, stops suddenly, and whispers): "*Oh, I say! By the bye! What 's the French for* 'COMPROMISE'?"

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☞ Mr. Punch's assumption that the demands of the Plenipotentiaries would end in a "compromise" was amply proved by the result.—1878.

## THE SCHOOLMASTER ABROAD.

BIZZY. "*I fancy our friend the Turk don't half like it!*"

DIZZY. "*Ha! That 's another 'Party' that will have to be* 'EDUCATED'!!"

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☞ Mr. Punch here makes allusion to the phrase used by Mr. Disraeli at Edinburgh, in October, 1867. (See Cartoon, p. 146.)

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM
PEACE
CONGRESS

## A BLAZE OF TRIUMPH!

☞ By the Anglo-Turkish Convention, the British Government contracted to defend the Empire of the Turks in Asia; conditionally upon the adoption of a reformed Administration and the cession of the Island of Cyprus,—which is now garrisoned by British Forces.—1878.

SWAIN

## THE "PAS DE DEUX!"

(*From the "Scène de Triomphe" in the Grand Anglo-Turkish* BALLET D'ACTION.)

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☞ Lords Beaconsfield and Salisbury, in reward for their labors as Plenipotentiaries at the Congress, were installed as Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.—1878.

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